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NOW WALES WANTS ISRAEL



IAN RUSH

BY DAVID JACK

WALES, like Scotland and Spain, hopes the winner of the Oceania World Cup elimination group will be Israel!

The Welsh Football Association fears it could be on a hiding to nothing if either Australia or New Zealand qualifies from Oceania.

Big problem for Wales and Scotland is the transport of their teams from the UK to the other end of the world for a midweek match on Wednesday December 4.

Unless Football

League and Scottish League clubs are generously inclined towards the World Cup welfare of Wales and Scotland, star players like Gordon Strachan, Ian Rush, Neville Southall and Mark Hughes will be playing for their clubs on the Saturday, flying from Britain on the Sunday and arriving in Australia or NZ on the Tuesday.

There is no way these players could avoid jet lag during the vital World Cup match in Sydney, Melbourne or Auckland.

EUROPEAN GROUP SEVEN							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	5	3	0	2	7	3	6
Wales	5	3	0	2	6	5	6
Spain	5	3	0	2	7	7	6
Iceland	5	1	0	4	3	8	2

Remaining matches: September 10 Wales v Scotland, September 25 Spain v Iceland.



GRAEME SOUNESS

That alarming prospect caused the Welsh F.A. to suggest it would charter a Concorde in a bid to reduce travelling time.

It takes about 27 hours to fly from London to Sydney. With Concorde, the journey might be cut to 17 hours.

There is only one problem. It costs about \$600,000 to charter the super plane and the Welsh F.A. is very hard up.

It hoped to make a financial killing at the vital Wales v Scotland World Cup qualifying match on September 10 by getting the use of Cardiff Arms Park, home of the Welsh Rugby Union.

But the "rah-rahs" refused to come to the party, leaving Wales the prospect of playing Scotland at the far-from-adequate Racecourse ground in Wrexham or Cardiff City's Ninian Park.

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CHRIS KALANTZIS ... sought after

GREEKS WANT CHRIS TO RUSSIA WITH LOVE!

BY DAVID JACK

GREEK soccer talent scouts will travel to Minsk in the USSR next month to assess Chris Kalantzis.

Kalantzis will be playing for Australia in Group C of the World Youth Championship.

As one of Australia's outstanding future prospects, Kalantzis has already attracted attention from Greek clubs. Chris's father and mother are both Greek-born.

The clubs showing most interest in the boy's future are PAOK and AEK.

PAOK are this year's champions. AEK are due to play in Australia this month.

Scouts from both clubs were in Sydney two months ago and made a point of call-

ing on the Kalantzis family at home.

They returned to Greece with videos of the World Youth Championship qualifying tournament played in Sydney a few months ago. In that tournament, Chris Kalantzis was voted "player of the series."

In addition to the videos, the men from PAOK and AEK also took many newspaper cuttings relating to Kalantzis.

Before departing, they said Chris would be hearing from them when the National League season ends here.

GRAY SAYS IT WITH GOALS

BY KEITH GILMOUR

IAN GRAY was more than overjoyed when he cracked in goals in the second and 89th minutes against his former club Leichhardt at Marconi Stadium.

The 4-0 result was a fair measure of the dramatic difference between the teams.

In just 15 games with Marconi, Gray has recorded seven goals - a great run for an aggressive midfield player.

The important factor with Marconi is that it is not only the up front trumps who are finding the net.

Although Leichhardt is in a trough the display by Marconi on this occasion could not be downgraded for that reason.

If ever there was a

close thing to a successor to Roberto Vieri, after making allowance for their different positions, it is David Lowe.

Craig Mason was the player who started the rot.

Mark Jankovics came on at half-time for Peter Sharne and soon after he capped a chapter of Leichhardt mistakes by homing in on an Arno Bertogna back pass to score a typically opportunist goal.

He felt a pull from his damaged hamstring and immediately went off with the

goal to his name.

Peter Tredinnick guided the ball into goal over Bobby Catlin. Marconi was three ahead and the ginger came out of the game.

My man of the match was DAVID LOWE for top class skills, but Gray, Mason, Paul Carter and a few others went very close.

MARCONI: McPherson, Carter, Rizzotto, Henderson, Sterrey, Mason, Gray, Tredinnick, Lowe, Brown, Sharne (Jankovics 46), Calderan 56).

LEICHHARDT: Catlin, Spina, Brown, Bertogna (Colaguri 55), Mariani, Butler, Steven, McCulloch, Caban (Genovese 70), McBride, Moraisio.

Referee: R. Davies. Crowd: 2135.



Man of the match, Wollongong's brilliant midfielder, Alex Bundalo (left)

UNLUCKY WOLVES

ADRIAN ALSTON'S Wollongong City were unlucky to go down 1-0 to Sydney Olympic at Pratten Park.

In the first half, Wollongong's midfield of Alex Bundalo (best player on the pitch), Scott Dickson, Dez Marton and Zivko Hristovski worked tirelessly to hold the Olympic stars.

By JOHN ECONOMOS

A possible penalty was denied Wollongong when Dickson was pushed in the back by Terry Patalis.

Wollongong's backs, David Green and Larry Gaffney, more than held star strikers Chris Kalantzis and Marshall Soper, whilst Peter Willis

cleaned up.

Right on the half hour mark, Wollongong's Hristovski belted a vicious 20 metre hit through a crowded Olympic box. But gentle giant goalkeeper, Gary Meier, saved.

In the 64th minute, Alex Bundalo frightened the life out of Olympic when he received a nice pass from Marton.

Bundalo zipped around three Olympic defenders in a 25 metre raid before lashing out a 20 metre drive that flashed outside the left post.

Sydney Olympic climbed out of jail with two minutes to go through a snap goal from substitute Chris Polias.

Man Of The Match was Wollongong's

creative midfielder Alex Bundalo who constantly threatened the target and repeatedly switched play with intelligent well-measured crosses.

Adrian Alston stated after the match: "Let's be honest, we certainly deserved something from this match, at least a point. We worked pretty hard all afternoon and I was more than happy with all my lads."

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Rogers, Stankovic, Lampropoulos (Ziras 70), Jennings, Patalis, Johnstone, Raskopoulos, Svlanos (Polias 66); Soper, Kalantzis.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Velkov, Green, Willis, Vilestra, Gaffney, Bundalo, Dickson, Marton, Hristovski; Godzik, Brodnik (Kotamanidis 78).

Referee: T. Davies. Crowd: 3,489.



OLYMPIC
AIRWAYS
SOCCER LEAGUE

SCOREBOARD

NSL NORTHERN DIVISION

ROUND 17:

NEWCASTLE 0 BLACKTOWN 3 (J Bradley, P O'Connor J McKie) at Adamstown Oval. Crowd: 408.

SYDNEY CITY 1 (J Kosmina) MARCONI 1 (P Shame) at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd: 1220.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (C Polias) WOLLONGONG 0 at Pratten Park. Crowd: 3489.

MARCONI 4 (I Gray, 2 M Jankovics, P Tredinnick) LEICHHARDT 0 at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 2135.

ST GEORGE 1 (D Ratcliffe) drew with CANBERRA 1 (J Dunn) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 1256.

PENRITH 1 (P Jones) SYDNEY CITY 2 (G Lee, G Gomez) at Cook Park. Crowd: 500.

MONARO 1 (J Walsh) drew with SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (G Arnold) at National Sports Centre. Crowd: 3275.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney Croatia	16	10	5	2	40	19	25
Marconi	15	10	5	2	37	18	25
Sydney City	15	10	4	2	32	17	24
Sydney Olympic	16	10	1	6	22	20	21
Canberra	16	6	5	6	26	27	18
Inter Monaro	17	5	4	8	23	33	14
St George	15	4	6	6	19	21	14
Penrith City	16	3	6	8	19	23	12
Apia Leichhardt	15	5	1	9	17	25	11
Newcastle Rosebud	15	3	4	10	17	35	10
Wollongong City	16	3	4	10	19	39	10

NSL SOUTHERN DIVISION

ROUND 17:

WEST ADELAIDE 0 MELBOURNE CROATIA 3 (A Ljubic, G Ward, G House) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 2000.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 (C Egan, D Brown) ADELAIDE CITY 1 (S Mella) at Middle Park. Crowd: 2000.

PRESTON 2 (Z Ilioski, S Lang) SUNSHINE 1 (J Faulkner) at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 2000.

BRISBANE CITY 3 (P Carey, A Reis, F Pimblett) FOOTSCRAY 2 (V Belic, Z Lujic) at Spencer Park. Crowd: 776.

BRUNSWICK 2 (M Petersen, A Zinni) BRISBANE LIONS 1 (J Ogden) at Olympic Park. Crowd: 1100.

GREEN GULLY 1 (G Campbell) HEIDELBERG 1 (P Tsoiakis) at Green Gully Reserve. Crowd: 1200.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brunswick Juve	17	10	5	2	28	15	25
South Melbourne	17	10	4	3	29	19	24
Melbourne Croatia	17	9	4	4	23	11	22
Heidelberg Utd	17	8	5	4	26	15	21
Preston	17	8	2	7	25	24	18
Sunshine GC	17	6	6	5	18	15	18
Brisbane Lions	16	5	4	7	15	21	15
Adelaide City	17	5	4	8	26	29	14
Brisbane City	16	6	2	8	23	31	14
West Adelaide	16	5	3	9	20	28	13
Green Gully	17	3	5	9	15	24	11
Footscray	17	3	2	12	17	33	8

NSL TOP SCORERS

NORTHERN DIVISION

13 — Arnold (S. Cro)
12 — Patikas (S. Cro)
10 — Jankovics (M)

SOUTHERN DIVISION

13 — Egan (SM)
10 — Stevenson (H)

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wollongong	17	12	0	5	34	22	24
Canberra	15	9	3	3	29	20	21
Sydney City	15	8	3	4	39	19	19
Newcastle	17	9	1	7	23	20	19
Leichhardt	15	7	4	4	23	18	18
Croatia	17	5	5	7	25	27	15
Inter-Monaro	18	6	3	9	26	40	15
Marconi	18	4	6	8	33	34	14
A.I.S.	12	5	4	3	21	24	14
Blacktown	16	6	2	8	29	33	14
St George	15	6	2	7	28	34	14
Olympic	18	4	5	9	25	36	13
Penrith	17	4	2	11	23	41	10

SYDNEY CITY 2 (Patterson 16, K. Falconer 28) MARCONI 0.

NEWCASTLE 2 (Thompson (og) 3, McGuinness 69) BLACKTOWN 4 (Van Egmond 24, Plumb 80, Fudge 82, Thompson 84).

AIS 2 (Hristodolou (2goals) ST GEORGE 4 Watson (2 goals) Strasshofer, Aranyi).

PENRITH 1 (Thompson 88) SYDNEY CITY 3 (Patterson 34, 78, Harper 51).

MARCONI 1 (Levy 47) LEICHHARDT 2 (G. Sterrey 31, Parison 83).

OLYMPIC 2 (Politis 10, Ruskin (og) 40) WOLLONGONG 0.

MONARO 1 CROATIA 0.

ST GEORGE 0 CANBERRA 1 (Cerro 60).

NSW STATE LEAGUE

	1st	2nd	3rd
Polonia v Sutherland	2-2	0-11	0-3
Fairy Meadow v Ku-ring-gai	1-0	0-3	4-2
Bankstown National v Manly Warringah	1-1	0-8	1-2
Uruguayan Auburn v Rockdale Ilinden	0-2	2-1	1-1
Cant M'ville City v Avala	2-0	2-1	0-2
Warringah N'been v Melita Eagles	0-4	0-2	1-0

TNT SKYPAK LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fairy Meadow	13	10	2	1	19	6	22
Parramatta Melita	13	8	3	2	29	12	19
Ku-ring-gai	13	7	4	2	17	9	18
Canterbury-M'ville	13	7	3	3	31	16	17
Sutherland	13	6	4	3	23	12	16
Avala	13	5	5	3	17	11	15
Rockdale Ilinden	12	4	5	3	19	12	13
Manly Warringah	11	3	5	3	12	11	11
Uruguay Auburn	12	1	4	7	6	16	6
Warringah N'been	12	1	3	8	4	29	5
Polonia	12	1	2	9	11	33	4
Bankstown National	11	0	2	9	4	25	4

STATE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

Bathurst '75 v Campbelltown C	1-3	1-2	0-4
Artamon v Nth Bankstown	1-0	2-5	0-1
Dee Why v Penrith Utd	1-0	1-1	0-5
Queens Park v Gladesville H	0-3	2-2	1-2
SSC Yugal v Penrith Utd	4-1	2-2	1-2
Blacktown Utd v Cant & Dist	3-1	7-1	1-0
Dee Why v Wollongong Mac	0-0	1-0	2-1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W'gong Macedonia	12	10	2	0	27	6	22
Gladesville Hby	11	8	1	2	22	7	17
Blacktown United	10	7	0	3	26	11	14
Yugal	11	4	3	4	22	16	11
Artamon	9	4	3	2	15	9	11
Queens Park	8	4	2	1	12	7	10
North Bankstown	11	4	2	5	14	10	10
Campbelltown City	9	4	1	4	12	9	9
Bathurst '75	10	2	3	5	16	19	7
Dee Why	11	2	3	6	7	21	5
Canterbury & Dist	10	1	2	7	7	29	4
Penrith United	12	0	2	10	8	44	2

STATE LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

King Tomislav v Bondi Marine	2-3	0-3	2-3
Campbelltown Dist v Moorebank	0-1	1-4	1-0
Mt Druitt Town v Uni of NSW	1-2	2-1	U-foreit
Port Hacking v Rooty Hill	0-4	2-1	1-0
Baulkham Hills v Granville Dist	3-0	2-1	0-4
Uni of NSW v Kingsford	0-2	0-3	U-foreit
Mt Druitt Town v North Ryde RSL	0-0	0-3	2-1

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kingsford	11	6	5	0	26	13	17
North Ryde	11	7	1	3	20	10	15
Bondi Marine	10	5	4	1	21	12	14
King Tomislav	11	5	3	3	19	14	13
Baulkham Hills	11	5	3	3	12	12	13
Rooty Hill	11	4	2	5	24	14	10
Moorebank L'pool	9	4	1	4	10	14	9
C'belltown Gunners	11	2	4	5	13	17	8
Granville District	11	2	4	5	15	21	8
Uni of NSW	10	1	4	5	7	15	6
Port Hacking	9	2	2	5	9	19	6
Mt Druitt Town	10	1	3	6	9	26	4

INTER URBAN FIRST DIVISION

Fieldfield Klev v Sydney Uni	1-1	1-2
Nineveh Eagles v Eastwood St A	1-2	1-4
West St George v Spanish Club	5-2	4-2
Lane Cove v CSI Schofields	0-0	0-1
Hurstville Zagreb v West Park	1-3	2-3

INTER URBAN SECOND DIVISION

Pagewood v Hawkesbury	1-2	0-0
Liverpool City v Wentworth Waratah	1-3	2-2
Concordia v Maroubra	1-2	3-0
Macarthur v Chelsea	0-3	1-2
Green Valley v Trasandinos	1-2	2-1
Chile Sports v Macquarie Uni	0-1	0-3

INTER URBAN THIRD DIVISION

Concord Juniors v Dulwich Hill	1-2	0-1
Sydney Maccabi v Rangers Hadrak	2-1	1-1
Robins v Rosebery	0-5	1-5
Blacktown Wands v Smithfield	4-0	3-1
Blacktown Wands v Robins	0-2	3-3
Chullora v Smithfield	3-2	2-1
Rosebery v Haberfield B/D's	2-2	3-0

INTER URBAN FOURTH DIVISION

Nepean Rovers v Castle Hill	3-5	0-14
Greenland v Argentinian Ltd	2-0	1-2
Colo Colo v Macedonia Yagoona	0-1	1-3
Lansvale v Petersham L	5-1	0-3
Murray Farm Rangs v Jedinstvo Utd	5-2	12-1
Lithgow Workmens v Blacktown Workers	1-1	2-3

INTER URBAN FIFTH DIVISION

Abruzzi v Luddenham Croatia	2-2	9-0
Cypres Utd v Crescent Star	3-1	2-2
Hellas Poseidon v Santiago Wands	0-2	9-2
Fairfield Athletic v Hellas Poseidon	1-1	1-1
Columbian v Santiago Wands	4-0	2-0
Highlands v Amal	5-0	4-1



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SOUTH MELBOURNE AND BRUNSWICK STAY UP FRONT

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS and South Melbourne remained the leaders of the Southern Division of the National League, having recorded identical 2-1 wins in their respective games yesterday.

Juventus kept abreast of South Melbourne with a hard fought 2-1 win over Brisbane Lions at Olympic Park.

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

Victoria's glamour side set sail for a comfortable win over their weak opponents in the 11th minute, when their brilliant recruit Mike Petersen shot them in the lead.

The game however developed into a cliff hanger after the 42nd minute when midfielder Fabio Incantalupo was sent off the field by referee Jim Fokianos.

Lions had managed to slot the equaliser in the net before Incantalupo was ordered off and had gradually managed to limit Juventus's enterprising activity.

A tactical manoeuvre by Juventus coach John Margaritis gave his depleted side the win.

Margaritis brought in speedy winger Andrew Zinni thus increasing the penetration of his side.

It was Zinni who scored the winning goal, rewarding his coach for his confidence.

Juventus are tipped to win the Southern Division.

At Middle Park, South Melbourne held desperately on to a narrow lead to emerge victors 2-1 over Adelaide City.

Hampered by the absence of their captain John Yzendoorn, South Melbourne struggled through the game in containing City's speedy forwards Costanza and the duo of Sergio Melta and Charlie Villani.

Particularly in the second half South's defence appeared extremely suspect under pressure.

South went into the lead in the dying seconds of the opening half when Charlie Egan unleashed a powerful shot.

South Melbourne consolidated their lead in the 54th minute when Angelo Postecoglou mounted an attack from the left and crossed the ball in the area where City's brilliant goalkeeper McNally cleared the cross but only as far as lurking Doug Brown who hammered the ball in the net.

City mounted an all out attack after the second goal and managed to pull one back in the 62nd minute when Sergio Melta

outran South's defence and slotted the ball in.

At Connor Reserve, Preston continued their climb to the top and enhanced their chance of making the top five with a convincing 2-1 win over Sunshine George Cross.

Sunshine surprised their opponents with an early goal by Jeff Faulkner.

And Georgie appeared to be heading for yet another win when Zoran Ilioski netted the equaliser in the 29th minute with a brilliant header.

But Preston forward Sean Lane changed the flow of the game in the 77th minute when he netted the winner for Preston.

Finally, at St Albans, Green Gully salvaged a point by holding Heidelberg United to a 1-1 draw.

Heidelberg had anticipated two points from their outing and their plans appeared to have come to fruition in the 19th minute when young Tsolakis put them in the lead.

Gully's recruit from Preston, George Campbell, grabbed the equaliser in the 59th minute with a header.



**DEMONS
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LACKLUSTRE SAINTS KICK IN PANTS

BY TOM ANDERSON.

IF St George still harbour any thought of making this year's top five play-offs, their aspirations received an almighty kick in the pants with their lacklustre performance against Canberra City at St George Stadium yesterday.

The points were shared in a 1-1 draw with Canberra the moral victors.

Indeed had the "Clayton's Goal" scored by Canberra in the 10th minute and disallowed by a linesman been allowed to stand Saints might have been in all sorts of trouble.

The referee - three metres from play gave the goal but the linesman - all of 20 metres away - disallowed it.

Canberra grabbed the lead in the 28th minute with a good effort from teenager Jason Dunn and David Ratcliffe equalised for Saints in the 41st minute.

It was a stereotype performance by the Saints and one they will want to forget in a hurry.

From the start it looked as if Canberra had read Saints game plan and had planned accordingly.

David Ratcliffe was by far Saints best performer and one hates to think the trouble this Saints team would be in without him.

No kidding, he's half the team.

Canberra did well and they deserved their point with an honest display from every man in their team.



TOMMY SERMANNI

Man of the match; Canberra midfielder TOM SERMANNI who not only got through a power of work but also had time to organise and motivate the players around him.

ST GEORGE; Greedy; Skeen, M.O'Shea, Ratcliffe, Koczka; Stone (Slater 62), J.O'Shea, Ricoy; Petkovski, Morgan, Cotton.

CANBERRA; Frank-en; Mihailidis, Har-kins, Burke, Bryant; Sermanni, Byrne, Dunn, Lamond, English, Gibson.

REFEREE; D.Mon-teverde.
CROWD; 1256.

CHARLIE EGAN, prolific scorer for South Melbourne, was on target again yesterday.

FROM PAGE 1 WALES WANTS ISRAEL

It has been estimated that the Wales v Scotland crunch match would have attracted gate receipts of more than a million dollars if staged at Arms Park.

With that sort of money in the kitty, even a chartered Concorde would not have been beyond the financial capacity of Wales.

It is no wonder the Welsh and the Scots are keeping their fingers crossed for Israel to win Oceania.

The plane trip from London to Tel Aviv would be no more fatiguing, or expensive, than the sort of flights undertaken regularly by British teams.

Fortunately, Australia does not have the same problems as Wales and Scotland when it comes to getting players released by clubs for international matches.

As has been demonstrated here this year, the needs of the National League clubs are quite definitely relegated to second place when Australia calls up its Socceroos.

BLACKTOWN CITY tuned up for a concerted run for the play-offs by hammering Newcastle Rosebud 3-0 at Adamstown Oval.

The visitors converted a 0-0 half-time scoreline into a convincing victory, largely through the efforts of their talented offensive firm of John Bradley, John McKie and Phil O'Connor.

It was McKie who appeared at the far post in the 68th minute to knock the ball into the goalmouth for Bradley to open Blacktown's account.

Ten minutes later Bradley supplied a curling free-kick, McKie added the vital flick-on and O'Connor rammed home a ferocious volley.

With two minutes remaining, Bradley burst through to hit a swerving 30 metre drive past Gosling.

Man of the Match. From a tight selection, the prize goes to JOHN BRADLEY for providing the magic where and when it counted most.

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD... Gosling, M.Jones, Boogaard, Power, Thompson; McQuarrie, Senkalski, Brandt, Maier; Todd, Stewart.

BLACKTOWN CITY; Hoare, Skellern, Bourke, Thornthwaite, Pointer, Daley, Sel-vage, McKie, Bradley, Larkin, O'Connor. REFEREE; T.Seacy. CROWD: 408.

BATTLERS BATTLE TO DODGE RELEGATION

NATIONAL League survival was at stake when Brisbane City and Footscray clashed at Spencer Park yesterday and the controversial match mirrored the situation.

All the things that soccer administrators have been attempting to eliminate from the game this season were prominent throughout.

BY GREG MUMFEL

City won 3-2, but on a very dubious penalty awarded by local official Gordon Nicholson.

Nicholson sent off Footscray midfielder Jadranko Kodjo, ordered Footscray coach Rocko Ille from the bench and booked three other players.

Further controversy flared when he turned down a penalty appeal by Footscray after apparent hand-

ball by Billy Wilkinson, then had to stop play when the City trainer ran on the park to treat the semi-conscious Peter Carey without Nicholson's permission.

Footscray intend to submit a report to the NSL on Nicholson while Nicholson similarly will report on the Footscray bench's actions and those of the City trainer, Tom Creevey.

Alan Reis scored in the 21st minute only to have that negated by Vladtko Belic a minute later. Carey netted minutes before the break to give the home side a 2-1 half time lead.

Zdravko Lujic equal-

ised 10 minutes into the second half before Frank Pimblett put away the penalty, awarded after Nicholson ruled that Footscray keeper Dennis Boland had fouled Luciano Fabrizio.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, Mengotti, Wilkinson, Milovanovic, Bromfield, Hamilton, Pimblett, Junna, Fabrizio, Reis (Scriggins 68), Carey (Archer 84).

FOOTSCRAY: Boland, Caric, Barjak-tarevic, Kyriakoulias, McLeod, Belic, Tapai, Bonacic, Paton (Bul-jevic 77), Kodjo, Lujic.

REFEREE: G.Nicholson.
CROWD: 776.



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SYDNEY CROATIA COULDN'T COMPLAIN ABOUT THIS

SYDNEY CROATIA could not complain about sharing the points with a determined Inter Monaro at Bruce Stadium.

The visitors started at 100 miles an hour with Eddie Krncevic and Wally Savor coming close.

BY KEN HEALEY

The pressure told and Croatia's goal came in the seventh minute when Zarko Odzakovic turned the ball back to Savor from a crowded penalty area.

Croatia continued to bustle Monaro, but the home team began to slow the game down.

In the 28th minute Monaro equalised when skipper Baz Giampaolo, beat two defenders and crossed to Chris Thamnidis.

The little striker tried a scorcher that Steve Watson could not hold. John Walsh put away the rebound.

Melbourne referee Sam Zoumas was determined to let the game flow, but he was finally forced to issue five yellow cards as both sides went in very hard.

Monaro started the second half the way

Croatia had begun the game, with Walsh, Billy Willox and Giampaolo all prominent.

Substitute Emil Dragicevic came closest for the visitors when his header hit the bar in the 85th minute.

Man of the match: Monaro midfielder ANGELO AMBROSINO for constantly high work rate.

MONARO: Hocking, Williams, Tullawa, Budini, Titi, A. Ambrosino, Carbone, Willox, Walsh, Giampaolo, Thamnidis (Brennan 75).

SYDNEY CROATIA: Watson, Basic, Rezo, Rozic, Zidisc, Odzakovic (Kovacic 85), Savor, Petikas, Jurin, Arnold (Dragicevic 69), Krncevic.

REFEREE: Sam Zoumas. CROWD: 3275.



ANGELO AMBROSINO



Sydney Croatia's WALLY SAVOR

WEST ADELAIDE FLOP

BY TOM McKAIN

WEST Adelaide collapsed in the second half against Melbourne Croatia who ran riot for a 3 - 0 win at Hindmarsh Stadium.

The writing was on the wall in the first half with home midfielders Chris Manou, Mike Genikas and John Panagis plus defender Mick Mousoulis having nightmares every time they got the ball.

While the quartet could not be blamed for not trying, they spent most of their time passing the ball to the Croatians instead of team-mates.

When Croatia realised West were in trouble they struck with a vengeance.

Ante Ljubic was first in the 46th minute

when the ball dropped to him close in after a corner: then it was Gary Ward on his own following a mix up by Manou and defender Mousoulis in the 57th minute.

Croatia ensured themselves two points in the 79th minute when substitute Greg House collected a cross from Josip Biskic, who ran and fought all day, to give Martyn Crook no chance.

Certainly there were opportunities for West with Graham Honeyman, Gary Price and Manou coming

close along with Bill Stefanopoulos.

But then sitters went begging for Croatia when Stepen Gojevic, Biskic and Ljubic had only Crook to beat but missed.

West are now in all sorts of bother obviously weakened by the absence of Ian McGregor, now working in the country. Alan Scott, who had to make a mercy dash to Scotland, and tear-away front runner George Konstandopoulos who is out injured with an achilles heel.

SYDNEY CITY, clearly slightly under the weather through having to play twice in 24 hours, just edged home at Cook Park with a 2 - 1 win against Penrith.

Slickers could not have got off to a better start, Grant Lee putting them in front after only two minutes.

But Penrith fought back well and thanks to Peter Jones equalised 10 minutes after Slickers' opener.

Penrith put a lot of pressure on Sydney City's defence but centre-backs Steve O'Connor and Alex Robertson handled it well.

Indeed Slickers were struggling to hang on to a draw when, from out of the blue, they produced the winning goal with a header from Gerry Gomez.

It was substitute Paul Kay who did the

damage, crossing the ball from the goal-line

BY JAMES DOUGLAS

for the dangerous Costa Rican to get the vital winning goal.

BUT WIN

Only eight minutes from the end, Steve O'Connor was given the red card. He was sent off for alleged dissent, marring a successful afternoon for the visiting side.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano; Rodrigues (De Marigny 81), O'Connor, Robertson, Cant; Lee, Watson, Gomez, Barnes; Kosmina, Fletcher (Kay 63).

MARCONI: McPherson; Carter, Henderson, Sterrey, Rizzotto; Gray, Mason, Tredinick; Sharne, Brown, Lowe.

Referee: G. Power. Crowd: 1,220.

MARCONI DROPS A POINT

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

MARCONI robbed themselves of the opportunity to climb to equal top position in the Olympic Airways National Soccer League when they allowed Sydney City to get out of jail with a late penalty and a 1 - 1 draw at the Sydney Athletic Field.

The first half saw Sydney City hold a slight edge over their visitors in a tight match dominated by quick close-marking - with scoring chances falling to Sydney City's Steve O'Connor and John Kosmina.

goal, brought on little midfielder Paul Kay in the 63rd minute, and pushed Gomez and Lee up into the attack.

The tactical switch paid dividends two minutes from full-time.

Captain Murray Barnes, slung a high cross into the box to find Gomez climbing high to head-flick towards goal.



ALEX McPHERSON

But Marconi's captain and centre-back, Tony Henderson, knocked the ball with his hand over the crossbar.

Immediately referee Gary Power awarded a penalty which Kosmina, with great relish, nailed home.

Man Of the Match was Marconi's goalkeeper, ALEX McPHERSON who held all Sydney City shots at the target and was always well positioned.

Les Scheinflug's Marconi attacked up front through Peter Sharne, Rod Brown and David Lowe, whereas Eddie Thomson preferred to go two through the middle with Kosmina and Graeme Fletcher.

But Marconi shocked last year's NSL champions in the 40th minute with a goal by former Soccerroo speedster, Peter Sharne.

Sharne switched from the right flank across to the left and latched onto a long high clearance from his defence.

Sharne rounded stopper O'Connor who "topped" the ball allowing the Marconi winger to zip behind him and score past badly positioned goalkeeper, Tony Pezzano.

Eddie Thomson desperate to pull back a



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DEMONS BADLY NEED VICTORY ON SUNDAY

TIME is running out for Blacktown City in their challenge for National League honours

The Demons looked a certainty for the top five play-offs a few weeks ago but they've slipped in recent matches and badly need to string together a few wins.

Perhaps Saturday's good result against Newcastle was the start of a run towards the top five.

There is ample quality in the Demons' ranks, with proven class players like John Bradley, Phil O'Connor, Barry Hoare, John McKie, Paul Daley and others.

Indeed when Kevin Keegan was here to play with the Demons, the former England skipper said he was pleasantly surprised by the standard of play in Blacktown's side.

Keegan also praised coach Casey de Bruin for his excellent training sessions, often in terrible conditions during Sydney's dreadful wet weather.

Most uncommitted neutrals would be delighted to see Black-

town successful because this is a club which, unlike several others, does everything right to put soccer on the map in this country.

The same could be said about St George.

Saints have been trend-setters in Australian soccer for almost two decades, earning the admiration of a much wider audience than the small band of Hungarian migrants who pay every week to see them play.

But Saints know well enough that a team cannot progress on goodwill and sentiment ... it must produce results.

The results have been hard to come by last year and this.

Coach Frank Arok constantly claims his team is serving up good football, lacking only the end product - putting the ball in the net.

UK import Trevor Morgan, after a slow

start, appears to have rediscovered his goalscoring touch and St George will be looking to him for a big game at The Gabbie next Sunday.

One player above

all others with the ability to help Saints climb the table is Robbie Slater.

Slater is having a good season but with little to show for it.

He has the creden-

tials to be up among the leading scorers in the NSL yet in match after match, the red-head meets frustration in front of goal.

Perhaps Slater will get the goals he seeks on Sunday.



ROBBIE SLATER wears a Socceroo jersey ... against Nottingham

KRNCEVIC HAS SLIM CHANCE FOR WORLD CUP

EDDIE KRNCEVIC still has an outside chance of playing for Australia in this year's World Cup elimination matches.

Although Krncevic was unable to accept an invitation to train with the Socceroos at this week's camp — he had to return to his club in Belgium — the Australian Soccer Federation is keen to lure him back for vital Cup matches against New Zealand and Israel.

"We will apply for Krncevic's clearance for matches, home and away, against New Zealand and Israel," said ASF chief executive Brian Emery.

Emery, however, does not seem optimistic that the former Marconi centre-forward will be able to play in all four matches.

If Krncevic's Belgian club, Cercle Bruges, decides it cannot afford to release him, there is no way the ASF can demand the player's release.

Indeed, Krncevic, himself, would not want to antagonise the club which is his bread and butter by insisting on getting his release.

There is a further complication. Would Socceroo coach Frank Arok really want to select a player who has played no part at all in Australia's build-up to the World Cup?

If Arok does pick Krncevic, he will do so on the player's reputation ... not on Eddie's suitability as an outsider to slot into a settled side.

That is why it appears the expatriate Aussie has only an outside chance of wearing the green and gold again this year.



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(Blacktown City)



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IT'S TIME TO SORT IT OUT

SINCE its inception in 1977, the National Soccer League has grappled with the problem of promotion and relegation.

Last week, a story initiated by Australian Associated Press and circulated to most newspapers conveyed the news that the NSL had dropped a small bombshell (thank heavens it wasn't a big one in these desperate days of terrorist activity) by confirming that two teams could be relegated from each division this year.

Is it not strange that, with the national competition two-thirds complete, we are still finding out how the relegation issue works?

How could two teams instead of the normal one be kicked out?

That's comparatively easy to explain. There has to be a place in the NSL reserved for a NSW Federation club to be promoted and similarly one from Victoria.

These promoted teams must replace clubs under the jurisdiction of the NSW and Victorian Federations.

This raises the intriguing proposition that, if Adelaide City, West Adelaide, Brisbane City and Brisbane Lions are the bottom teams in the NSL Southern Division, the Victorian team which finishes fifth from bottom must get the chop in addition to the interstate team which actually runs last.

And if Newcastle and Canberra fill the last two places in the Northern Division, then it'll be a case of "goodbye" to the NSW club finishing third from bottom.

Understand? Let's hope so.

Maybe the answer is for the simplest form of promotion and relegation to be brought in.

In other words, let the bottom team in each division go out to be replaced by the top team in the NSW State League and the Victorian State League.

Using such a system, which seems to work adequately all over the world except in Australia, it is possible that the National League would, in time, and through evolution be composed of teams from only NSW and Victoria.

That would be bad luck for Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra and Newcastle.

But if clubs from those areas are not strong enough to hold on to their NSL places, have they any right to remain in the competition?



CHIT CHAT

SOME Rugby League players have been strongly criticised for not wanting to play for Australia against New Zealand.

Now the League mob claim soccer, similarly, has no pride in national representation ... simply because **ANDREW BERNAL** has pulled out of the Youth Socceroo squad to play in the World Championship in Russia.

There is a vast difference between reasons for Bernal's withdrawal and the excuses given by RL players for not going to New Zealand.

Bernal's whole future career is in the balance. He has a great chance to get into the big money in Spain with Sporting Gijon — if he does the right thing by that club.

If he plays in Russia in the WYC, he could be without a club and on the dole when he returns.

In the circumstances, any criticism of young Andrew is clearly unjust.



GENIAL Leichhardt coach **FIL BOTTA-LICO** reckons the odds are stacked against him this season.

He feels that if he gets one good player he is losing a few others on every occasion.

When **LOUIS DOUNIS** from Canterbury became available the clearance was slow in arriving. And when defender **ALA EL DIN ABBAS'** clearance came through, the Egyptian did not play because he had not come to terms with the club.



THE Youth Socceroo will spend 10 days in Holland on their way to the World Youth Championship in the Soviet Union.

"I am trying to arrange four warm-up matches there, two against strong teams and two against weaker opposition," said coach **Jimmy Shoulder**.

Shoulder hopes the strong teams will be from the Dutch first division.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC could be welcoming back ex-Socceroo **PETER KATHOLOS** in a couple of weeks.

KAT's knee ligament operation has been a success, but there is still a little numbness to work out.



BUGSY NYSKOHUS

ADELAIDE CITY midfielder **BRIAN NORTHCOTE** must be wondering who up there doesn't like him.

After a comeback following two years on the sidelines nursing back and groin problems, he bounced into the fray again only to suffer a shoulder injury.

But back he came again, and all was well until the Preston match.

The iron man was felled and needed stitches in the back of his head — but he soldiered on.

However, he then collided with his captain, **BUGSY NYSKOHUS**, and had to have stitches inserted in his mouth, and this time leave the field.

THERE is a new press box at Lambert Park on top of the new covered enclosure and, while this is an excellent idea, it hasn't been designed to give the media a satisfactory view of the game.

It is impossible to see the near touchline because it is directly below the press box, so any action along that touchline remains a closed book.

The TV cameras are also accommodated in the new structure but they, at least, get a reasonable view of the match.

Isn't there some way Apia Leichhardt can improve this?



BIG STEVE O'CONNOR has been having a vintage season with Sydney City.

His coach, and assistant national coach, **EDDIE THOMSON**, also rates his displays against Tottenham Hotspur, and in the international tournament final against Vasco da Gama, as amongst the best of his entire career.

The big stopper is a physical education teacher at Granville South High School, so the lads there should be able to obtain quite a few hints on how to play the game.



THERE are not many full-time coaches left in the National League these days and their number was reduced by one last week.

LES SCHEINFLUG, previously full-time with Marconi, has decided to take an outside job.

Les now works as a salesman for the Rank Xerox company.

Former full-time coaches like **ATTI ABONYI** and **RALE RASIC** are now employed in insurance with AMP where they certainly have much more security than soccer in Australia could ever offer.

ASW wishes Scheinflug every success in his new venture.

DIXIE DEANS clinched Colin McAdams' decision to come to Australia and sign for Adelaide City.

The big defender, who arrived last week, met Dixie at a function in Glasgow and the former Scottish striker who played in Adelaide for two seasons, gave the SA club such a wrap McAdams had no hesitation in saying yes to terms.



INTER-URBAN League teams in NSW must have wondered what hit them over the Queen's birthday weekend.

No fewer than five National League referees were appointed to their games.

The refs were **PETER RAMPLEY**, **GARY POWER**, **KEN SMALL**, **TERRY SEACY** and **RICHARD LORENC**.

The idea was to let the NSL whistlers know what it is like at the other end of the scale.

WE'RE tipping a place in Australia's World Youth Championship squad for St George's play-anywhere **ANDY KOCZKA**.

National Youth coach **JIMMY SHOULDER** was criticised strongly for leaving Koczka out of the qualifying tournament earlier this year but he refused to be swayed into changing his selection.

Shoulder now reveals that Andy missed the cut-off "by a whisker." We think he'll make it next time.



FORMER Leichhardt goalkeeper **ROBBIE PARKS** has not signed for Adelaide City.

Transferred back to SA in his Telecom job he was due for talks with the NSL club, but may now join a State League team.

Parks said he did not have the time to train to an NSL schedule, but may have another look at the situation next year.

DIXIE DEANS may be back in Adelaide this year — but not to play for Adelaide City as he did back in 1977-78.

The 41-year-old former Scotland striker will be invited to play for "Scotland" in the annual mini-World Cup series.



EDDIE KRNCVICHAS obviously been enjoying too much of the great grounds and facilities that go with being a professional in Europe.

After his first match back in Australia with Sydney Croatia against the Wollongong Wolves Eddie was quick to point out the roughness of the pitch.

"Nothing like in Europe where the grounds are beautiful allowing you to do what you want, but here it is all bingitty-bongotty."

An ironic claim as the pitch at the Croatian Sports Centre at its best is one of the best in the state.

I'm sure everyone will agree that it is great to have Eddie back and in the Australian squad!



STEVE O'CONNOR

YOUNG 'ROOS READY

THE majority of the Young Socceroo squad to contest the World Youth Championships for the FIFA Coca-Cola Cup in Russia in August are now virtually full-time players in the build-up for the big event.

Australia's world standing at youth level is excellent after our previous participation in this event and the present Young Socceroo squad will be no exception.

Coach Jim Shoulder's players will be at peak fitness and on a par to more than hold their own with any nation in the final series.

The national youth team players from the Australian Institute of Sport are and have been virtually full-timers for the past 12 months.

They train daily under the expertise of Shoulder in Canberra and indeed get a better preparation than most young professionals in Europe and South America.

This has been topped off by recent participation in international tournaments in Europe.

So on this score the Institute lads are well on course for Russia.

The majority of the squad members from NSL clubs have also upped their preparation for the championships and have daily training sessions.

A prime example of this are two New South Wales squad members Chris Kalantzis of Sydney Olympic and Alex Bundalo of Wollongong.

BY TOM ANDERSON

Whizz kid Kalantzis is at his peak and his job as part-time rent collector, where he helps his father, enables him to have at least two daily work outs.

This has shown in the youngsters recent performances with Olympic where he has been positively outstanding.

Also the experience of playing alongside Olympic's guest star from Scotland Davie Provan has added a greater dimension to Kalantzis' play.

In the space of the five weeks Provan was at Olympic, Kalantzis has learned quickly from the Scottish international and is now looking a much better player for it.

Wollongong star Bundalo has also become a 'full timer' with the help of his father, who is a builder on the South Coast.

Alex has been put on his father's staff where he gets enough time to pursue his football duties.

An excellent midfielder by any standards, young Alex is also training twice a day in his bid to make the world sit up and take notice of him in Russia.

Here is a kid that is determined to make the top in pro-football and he has his priorities aimed on the right line.

After the Russian sortie, Bundalo will return to Australia for a few weeks before packing his bags and heading back to Europe.

He aims to spend the Australian off-season training with a top-line professional club either in England or Yugoslavia.

The clubs pencilled in for Bundalo's 'European learning' session are Manchester United or Vojvodina.

He has already spent a month with United after he won a scholarship with the Star Soccer Camps a couple of years ago

and the door at Old Trafford is always open to this determined youngster.

"The trip to Russia with the Young Socceroos is something I have dreamed about," Bundalo said.

"When Ray Vilestra, another Wollongong lad who made it to Mexico with the Young Socceroos for the 1983 finals, this gave me great motivation to make the squad for the 1985 championships.

"I am training as I have never trained before and aim to really put on a show in Russia.

"Like every other player in the squad I see this as the first step on the road to becoming a fully fledged Socceroo and I don't intend to let the opportunity slip past."

Meanwhile coach Jim Shoulder's plans for the championships are well on course and a couple of camps plus warmup games against representative sides during the next International series here in Australia will round off the home preparations.

Then on August 9 the Australian party will fly out of Sydney bound for Holland where three or four final warmup games will be played against top professional opposition before they fly into Russia.

During their stay in Holland the Australian party will be headquartered either at the modern Dutch Football Association training camps at Zeist or Sittard.

The Young Socceroos opening match of the series against Russia in Minsk on Saturday, August 24 will be a 5pm kick-off while the other two games against Canada on Monday, August 26 and Nigeria on Thursday, August 29 will be 7pm starts.

ASF President Sir Arthur George will go to Russia as a member of the FIFA executive and will head the disciplinary committee for the series.



ALEX Bundalo ... he has now become full time and wants to make a name for himself in Russia.



BY **MIKE JOHNSON**

ROD BROWN — A STRIKING STAR

I HAD the chance to look at Marconi's exciting strike force of Rod Brown, David Lowe and Mark Jankovics in a recent game against St George.

On the day, Rod Brown was the most impressive.

Tall, strong, fast and with a powerful shot, he is as Mark Jankovics was some eight years ago.

He exudes strength, speed and talent and with the exuberance of youth, he flashes about the field, in explosive, exciting action.

Jankovics, now a mature professional, does not squander his talent as the young player may do.

He knows what he is about, and that he must be as effective at the end of the game as at the start.

There is strength of character in his game now which was not so noticeable as a young man.

Indeed, Manfred Schaefer let him go from St George as a young player because he considered him too inconsistent.

This proved a loss to Saints and a gain to Marconi where he has been a consistent goalscorer for many years.

He remains an outstanding header of a ball and it is possible that he is a better player now than he was when he gained international selection.

David Lowe is a quick, neat striker with good dribbling skills which will need to be improved if he wishes to make a major impact on the game.

Dribbling appears to be his prime skill and if he can turn this into a great skill, on a par with that of Dez Marton, it will produce numerous goal opportunities for him and for team mates.

It could make the difference for him as a player.

Terry Greedy made three brilliant saves from the Marconi strikers each time by coming well off his line to cut down the angle.

Each save was made well outside the six yard box, even as far as 10 yards away from his goal-line.

I presume Terry is doing this continually in games nowadays and I am surprised that players are not chipping him with shots from the edge of the box.

The three Marconi strikers were very mobile, something I find a joy to watch in an attacking trio.

Basic principles of a good attack are width, penetration, mobility and improvisation.

All of these were there, with young

Lowe producing much of the improvisation and all three players interchanging into a wide variety of positions.

The St George attack, centred as it was around English target man Trevor Morgan, was more predictable, relying on players coming from behind and the many dribbles of Robbie Slater.

The "target man" abounds in England, where back players pump balls up to him and the lays them off for supporting players.

The target man is not prevalent anywhere else in the world, including Australia.

Consequently English strikers such as Morgan are often handicapped when coming here and finding their team mates unable to hit the accurate long balls which they had been used to in England.

Nor do they usually get the type of early support that they need to be effective.

If team mates do not arrive to support the target man as he receives the ball, he can look very ordinary,

especially as he is not usually a mobile player, or skilful with his feet.



ROD Brown

The strongly built Morgan has developed the skills of a target man — the various ways to win space to get away from markers, the ability to lay the ball off, usually back, with foot or head.

Like most English strikers and ALL target men he is very good in the air.

He much preferred diving headers at goal than volleying with his feet, so much so that one very critical spectator questioned whether he was able to use his feet.

But he can, and a spate of recent goals suggests that he may be able to help St George, especially if they play to his strengths.



DAVID LOWE has a tremendous future in soccer.

Profile

BY JOHN ECONOMOS



BORN AND BIRTHPLACE: 5.9.64, Darwin.
HEIGHT: 5'11".
MARRIED: Single.
OCCUPATION: Credit Union clerk.
PLAYING POSITION: Winger.
CLUBS PLAYED FOR: Mareeba, Australian Institute, Canberra City Olympians and Sydney City.
FAVOURITE PLAYERS: John Kosmina, Joe Watson, Manis Lamond and Anthony Franken...plus Platini and Hateley.
FAVOURITE CLUBS: Sydney City, Canberra City and Everton.
CAR: Sigma 2.0.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT IN SOCCER: When we got knocked out by Korea 2-1 and failed to qualify for the quarter-finals in the 1983 World Youth Championship in Mexico.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Jimmy Shoulder, Ron Smith and Eddie Thomson.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS OR HOBBIES: Golf, Tennis and Squash.
FAVOURITE FILM STARS: Al Pacino and Dustin Hoffman.
LONG TERM AMBITIONS: To stay healthy all my life.
SUPERSTITIONS: None at all.
FAVOURITE MUSIC: All types with a nice beat.
MAJOR INJURIES: Hamstring and strained knee ligaments.
BEST TEAM IN RECENT INTERNATIONAL SERIES: Udinese.
BEST PLAYER FOR AUSTRALIA IN SERIES: John Kosmina and David Ratcliffe.
NATIONAL TEAM TO WORRY AUSTRALIA QUALIFYING FOR 1986 WORLD CUP: All of them but especially New Zealand and Israel as they are the first hurdles and the big ones to get past to start with.

FRANK FARINA

SYDNEY CITY
AND
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QUEENSLAND VIEW

LION CUB LOOKS GOOD

BY GREG RUSSELL

BRISBANE LIONS, the nursery of so many brilliant young players, have unearthed yet another teenage starlet.

The find this time is 17-year-old David Hunter, the younger brother of 21-year-old stopper Alan. David was thrust into the Lions side a fortnight ago when regular full-back Alan Niven broke a bone in his foot during training.

The senior level student is making every post a winner. He was among Lions best on his debut and a week ago he marked former Soccerroo striker Charlie Egan out of the game.

Hunter, like his brother a former Acacia Ridge junior, has been playing regularly in the Lions premier league side for the past two years. But with Niven in sensational form, it seemed like he would

never get his NSL chance.

Now he has broken into the Lions NSL ranks, and performed so well, coach Gordon Arrowsmith was forced to re-shuffle his line-up to ensure the youngster was retained when Niven returned from injury.

Hunter's versatility was highlighted when he easily switched from left to right back, allowing Arrowsmith to move Steve Jackson back to sweeper. The combination looms as the strongest defence at the club.

But the young Hunter faces a tough task in coming weeks. He is a key member of the Queensland Schoolboys team to contest the National

Championships in Canberra later this year and the program could well cut across the NSL fixtures if Lions reach the top five.

Hunter, a former schoolboy national player of the series, will be faced with a choice between school and club soccer — and this year the Australian schoolboys team will make a tour of Britain. To qualify for the tournament, players must participate in the nationals.

"It will be a tough choice but I will wait and see what happens. There are quite a few games to go yet and I have only just broken into the team," Hunter said.

SCOTS ON WAY

TWO Scottish players could be on their way to Queensland.

The players are Brechin City teammates Jim Morton and David Watt, who are friends of Eastern Suburbs premier league coach John Sime. But it is unlikely the pair will end up at the Tigers' Heath Park.

"They are too good for premier league," Sime said this week.

Of the two players, Morton, who is in his late 20's looms as the best acquisition. He has been a regular in the Brechin side as a striker and full-back and netted 19 goals the season before last.

He is an expert penalty-taker and reportedly a Scottish "B" international. Watt, the younger of the two, is a right-back.

Although Sime has been keeping in contact with the pair in recent months, he wants no part in any transfer dealing that are likely to arise once Brisbane City and Lions learn of the pair's arrival.

"I am not a salesman. That's no my style.

Have advised both these players what the situation is and it will be up to them to decide what they want to do," Sime said.



Brisbane City coach 'Big Jim' Hermiston is currently experiencing the 'lows' that go with the job.

NORTH STAR FANCED FOR CUP

QUEENSLAND Ampol Cup holders North Star are on target to retain the trophy this year after winning through to the semi-finals last week.

Stars downed fellow premier league side Eastern Suburbs 2-1 in a hard-fought quarter-final at Perry Park.

Stars coach Iain Fagan used the ploy of a pre-match training session, which he used in last season's successful cup run, to again psych his side to a win.

The upset of the round occurred in Townsville where intermediate league club Sunnyside beat North Queensland Soccer Federation 2-0 on their home territory.

Few gave the Tony Lowndes — coached Brisbane side any chance of success, but a goal in each half sealed the issued for Sunnyside and put the club only one step away from its greatest triumph ever.

Bundaberg Federation, which rolled premier league leaders Lions in the first round, continued their giant-killing when they beat hot-cold premier league side Coalstars in Bundaberg.

The local side, which had several players affected by flu, won 2-1.

The other Cup semi-finalists will be Ipswich United who were taken to penalties by Brisbane City's intermediate league combination. City led 1-0 at one stage but three goals in 10 minutes saw the scoreline deadlocked at 2-2.

It stayed that way until the end of extra time and the teams were still locked 5-5 after penalties.

In the sudden death shoot out, City's Andrew Chapman had his shot saved while Ipswich's Ron Millman missed. City's Mick Gerritsen then put his attempt wide while youngster Russell Beckwith found the net to get Ipswich through to the semi-finals — to be played on July 21.

In premier league this week, Olympic United will continue their fight against relegation against Taringa at Goodwin Park. Olympic, now under the guidance of former international Graham McMillan, must win to have any hope of survival.

Fellow cellar-dwellers Acacia Ridge have a tough away tie against Grange Thistle.

At the top of the table, Mount Gravatt will hope to continue their recovery when they host Lions while Coalstars and Ipswich United will clash in a derby. The other game sees a rematch of the Cup quarter-final between North Star and Easts.

VIP'S AT ASW



National coach Frank Arok and Commercial Director Peter Sheehan are pictured here during a visit to ASW's Sydney Office. They certainly seem to be enjoying some engrossing reading.

AWSA's national executive director Keith Gilmour has sent out proposals for further sponsors for the national team.

At the moment, Mitre and Puma, two of the world's most recognised sports manufacturers, assist the national side with sponsorship.

Mr Gilmour has already had negotiations with two large electronic multinational corporations as well as two giant oil firms.

Although all proposals are still at the embryonic stage, prospects are encouraging.

The women's code has historically been starved of financial assistance and the monetary burden on the girls whilst on tour representing Australia overseas has at times proved crippling.

BIG JIM BLAMES HIMSELF!

BRISBANE City coach Jim Hermiston has accepted the blame for his side's disappointing form of late that has seen them slump from top five hopefuls to relegation candidates.

Hermiston, a former National League "player of the year", even questioned his own ability when City were beaten 4-1 by Melbourne Croatia last week. It was the side's third bad loss in successive weeks.

"Maybe I've not got what it takes to coach a National League team. You have to look at number one first before you go pointing the finger at anyone else," Hermiston said.

"The coach has to take the blame for what's happened. Maybe the training is not hard enough or perhaps I am not get-

ting the message through."

Although City have a game in hand, against local rivals Lions, the team is positioned precariously near the danger zone. And that is becoming a regular position for the Italian-backed team.

In the past three years, City has not finished any higher

BY GREG RUSSELL

than third last.

"It's backs to the wall time but I like a challenge," Hermiston said.

There is little the Scotsman can do but persevere with his present players as the City NSL pool is extremely shallow. Hermiston has tried juggling the combination, using Garry Bromfield as a full-

back and forward and moving Frank Mengotti around, but with little success.

Rays of hope loom in Steve Hogg and Ken Swan, who have been training with the Gladiators but kept on the sidelines because of transfer wrangles. Both players have lodged appeals against their transfer fees.



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PENRITH PANTHER MAKES THE SQUAD

NATIONAL coach Frank Arok had only one real surprise when he named his Socceroo squad for this week's training camp in Sydney.

Arok decided to add Mike Gibson, the under-rated Penrith goalkeeper, to his squad.

Gibson is only in his second season in the National League but he has made a big impression on many people this year.

In March 1984, when Gibson made his NSL debut with Penrith in the week in which he celebrated his 21st birthday, he looked anything but an international-class

goalkeeper.

He made a few mistakes — and that's an unforgivable sin for a goalkeeper — and there were many doubters who wondered if the 21-year-old had sufficient class for the national competition.

One man had complete faith in Mike Gibson — his club coach Willie Wallace.

Willie's confidence has paid dividends this season, with Gibson emerging as one

of the top goalies in Australia.

Before becoming so involved in top class soccer, Mike Gibson had thoughts about hitting the top in another game, cricket.

Some good judges claim Mike would have made State or even Test grade as a pace bowler had he not opted to take soccer seriously.

During the 1984-85 cricket season, Mike had urgent business overseas — training

full-time with Manchester City.

The trip was arranged by Willie Wallace whose former Celtic team-mate Billy McNeill is now manager of the Maine Road club.

"I am sure that experience with Manchester City is responsible for Mike's improvement this season," said Wallace.

Wallace went on: "Apart from Tony

MICHAEL GIBSON — newly promoted to Australian squad

Franken, there would not be a more consistent goalkeeper in the NSL this year. Mike has certainly earned his Socceroo selection."

Mike Gibson was born in Katoomba and

had his first taste of competitive soccer with the Penrith RSL Under 10's.

He comes from a real soccer family. His two younger brothers, Rodney (16) and David (15), both played but, coincidentally, both

retired from the game with knee injuries.

Mike hopes a similar misfortune does not blight his career which, after this week's Socceroo training camp, could be heading for stardom.



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TROUBLED TIMES FOR MITCHELL

BY TOM MCKAIN

SOCCEROO striker David Mitchell is in the middle of another tangle as he tries to sort out his future — here and overseas.

He was due to sign for Adelaide City, play in the July-August international series, then the World Cup qualifying games.

But now —
• He has to have a groin operation which will sideline him for five weeks.

• If Adelaide don't make the top five he won't be able to prove himself for a Socceroo berth.

• If Sydney City don't release him before the transfer deadline, he won't be able to play for the SA club. He is bound to Slickers until August under the contract which released him to Glasgow Rangers two years ago.

The NSL is prepared to waive the June 30 deadline as Adelaide City informed them it was negotiating with Mitchell and had received his clearance from Hong Kong club Seiko.

But now Mitchell is reluctant to sign for anyone unless he is

sure they will make the five.

He will be sidelined for at least five weeks after his operation, and while Socceroo coach Frank Arok wants him in his side, he will want him to prove his fitness first.

Mitchell could play for Sydney City, but if he does, it is unlikely the Slickers would then release him to play for Adelaide City next year.

And here there is a further complication. Mitchell is not certain to remain in Australia.

"If Australia qualifies for the World Cup in Mexico and I am in the Socceroos, then I will stay," he said.

"If they don't I will return to the UK."

Dennis Roach, his British agent who is part of the West Nally company which is backing the Socceroos, has already started negotiations with two clubs.

And George Knobel, Mitchell's coach in Hong Kong, has told

him he can find him a team in Holland.

There he would be on \$50,000 tax free for a season plus a signing-on fee.

Apart from Adelaide City, South Melbourne are attempting to persuade Mitchell to sign for them.

With the offer of a

house as a signing on fee, Adelaide City had hoped to persuade Mitchell to settle again in Australia.

But the 22-year-old front runner is determined to make the big time in the UK or Europe after falling out with manager Jock Wallace when he was with Rangers.



DAVID MITCHELL ... faces a groin operation

SBS ALMOST NATIONAL

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BY JOHN ECONOMOS

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GEORGE DONIKIAN ... about to spread his wings as SBS news extends its coverage.

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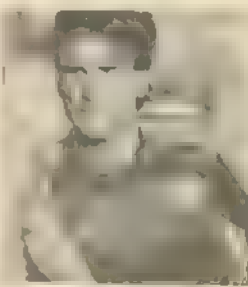
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COMMONWEALTH BANK CUP SOUTH COAST REGION

LAST year's region winners, Woonona, have been eliminated from this year's competition. In an almost perfect reversal of last year's encounter the Corrimal boys have moved through to the third round as a result of penalty shots.

Despite the heavy condition of Memorial Park the game produced vintage Cup-style soccer as both teams tackled with great determination in a game that was played at a furious pace.

The condition of the ground and the pace of the game soon took its toll with first Woonona losing star defender Stephen Badger then Corrimal captain Richard Van der Veerdonk being replaced because of injury.

Commitment of the teams to their defence saw the full-time score 0-0.

Extra-time witnessed the continuing battle for midfield supremacy with excellent match ups between Craig Warburton and Luis Belsito of Corrimal taking on Woonona's Robert Benu and Shane Hawken. At the end of extra time the score was still 0-0.

The resulting penalties went one for one until the eighth player when a great save by the Corrimal custodian saw victory sealed for the home side.

Corrimal move on to meet Kanahooka in the third round. Kanahooka emerged as potential threats to this year's competition when they defeated the strong Lake Illawarra side 3-0.

Newcomers Bulli were surprisingly eliminated by the competition's dark horse Warrawong.

The final scoreline read 2-1 and the victors boast a host of talented players ensuring they will be difficult opponents for Oak Flats.

Oak Flats downed Dapto 4-2 in a game played in continual drizzle.

The first half was Dapto take advantage of a stray breeze to dominate most of the play and goals by J. Stone and P. Morgan saw Dapto lead 2-1 at the break.

In the second half Oak Flats were quick to take advantage of the breeze and continual pressure saw the Dapto defence concede two goals in the first 10 minutes. A



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late penalty and Oak Flats saw the game but beyond doubt.

The game was played in a good spirit typical of this competition and scores for the victors were R. Foster (2), B. McGregor (1) and R. Kleinmann (1).

Other second round results were Bowral 3, Crookwell 1, Karabah 3, Queanbeyan 2 (penalties) and Bomaderry 5, Ulladulla 0.

COMMONWEALTH BANK RESULTS

EPPOING 2 MALVINA 0.

Scorers: N. Harris, Y. Kim. Best players (both teams) it was raining very heavily — Epping dominated the game and put themselves into the last 32 with a fine effort. Goal 1 15 minutes. Goal 2 48 minutes. For Malvina, Meek and Clinch played well.

GRFFITH 8 COOTAMUNDRA 1. Scorers: Griffith (M. Dall'est 3, E. Ross 2, M. Clebsch 1, J. Garbino 1, I. St. Clair 1) 8. Cootamundra (D. Cooper) 1.

Best players (both teams) Griffith (Eddie Rossi, Mark Dall'est, Marco Clebsch, Arlito Qvan, John Garino, Michael Baguero). ELDERSLIE 1 HURLSTONE 1 on penalties 2-1.

Scorers: Richard Loyd 2, Nick Shote 1.

Best players (both teams) Paul Stein goalkeeper, Nick Shote stopper Richard Loyd.

TAMWORTH 1 (5 pens) OXLEY 1 (3 pens). Scorers: Darren Taylor (Tam), Scott Cook (Oxley).

Best players (both teams) Tam (Darren Taylor, Robert Collins, Ricky Shume, Stuart Cummins), Oxley (Doug Rauch, Tim Turner, Robert Wickham, Scott Lugerink). After a fast opening, the game settled down and some very entertaining soccer was played. Tamworth scored from a scoring drive by Darren Taylor after good pressure on the Oxley goal. Not long after Oxley equalised with a lot shot which left the Tamworth

goalkeeper stranded. The second half developed into an intense struggle but neither team was able to put the ball into the net. Despite 20 minutes of extra time the scores were still locked at 1-1. Penalties had to decide the match.

OXLEY 3 PELL 1.

Scorers: Tina Puder 1, Caroline Singleton 1, Joanne Cathcart 1, Oxley and Keene Jane 1 for Pell.

Best players (both teams) Oxley Tina Puder, Joanne Cathcart, Jane Brennan, Choline Singleton, Peel Janita White, Rachel White, Kerne Lane. In the 1st preliminary round Oxley defeated Gunnedah 6-0 and Peel defeated Quindri High School 7-0. All games at Tamworth on 12th June 1985.

KINGSGROVE 3 FORT ST 3.

Scorers: Andrew Lang, Chris Kontis, John Velanaka. Best players (both teams) Anthony Daniels 8, Nick Kagalatzis 1, Robert Harriet 10. Fort St keeper No 9.

CORRIMAL 4 KANAHOOKA 0.

Scorers: Craig Warburton 2, Richard Vanderveer Donk 1, Luigi Belsito 1.

Best players (both teams) Corrimal Allen James, Luigi Belsito, Warren Lynch, and Craig Warburton. Kanahooka Darren Bright, Con Orlanos. Shaun Beattie Report: An entertaining match played in difficult, muddy conditions. Corrimal led 1-0 at half time after two fine goals and strong attacking play. Midfielder Con Orlanos and striker Shaun never stopped trying in a soundly beaten side. Allen James, the Corrimal stopper, had an excellent game, never giving the striker any chances. Both record half goals were fine shots giving the keeper little chance.

ROUND ONE:

Whitebridge 6 d Kurri 0, Jesmond 5 d Dungog, Morrisset d Inawang, Belmont 5 d Waratah 2, Cessnock d Singleton, Muswellbrook 4 d Scone 1, Cardiff 2 d West Waisend 1, Merewether 2 d Francis Greenway 0, Wallsend 2 d Gateshead 0, Broadmeadow 3 d Rutherford 2, Toronto 3 d Maitland Boys 2, Lambton U/4p d Warners Bay U/2p, Swansea 1 d Kotara 0, Newcastle 4 d Booragui 0, Glendale 3 d Raymond Terrace 2.

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Dungog 4 d Gloucester 0.

CUP SHOCK FOR SPAIN — BERNAL

THE Socceroos will give Spain the shock of their lives should they meet in a World Cup decider later this year. **BY DAVID JACK**

That's the considered and first hand opinion of Young Socceroo skipper, Andrew Bernal.

Bernal, back home for a month's holiday with his family in Canberra before re-joining the leading Spanish first division side Sporting Gijon on a two-year professional contract, dropped the bombshell of the season when he announced his withdrawal from the World Youth Championship last week.

"I reckon the Socceroos will do all right against Spain," said Bernal. "For a start Spain will grossly underestimate Australia — they think they are streets better and quite frankly don't rate Australian soccer at all."

"This will be a big psychological advantage for the Socceroos. Spain, like the rest of the world, doesn't really appreciate how well our current national team is playing."

Bernal has spent the past three months with Sporting Gijon adjusting to a vastly different lifestyle ... despite the Spanish parentage.

He lives with two of the 22 professional players on Sporting's books and found the twice — daily training session really hard at first.

Technical training in the morning, practice games and other sports like basketball and jazz exercise sessions to music in the afternoon is the basic daily program at Sporting.

According to Bernal, Sporting have one of the best Junior set-ups in Spain — seven of the first team players came through the Junior ranks.

Bernal is due to return to Spain for pre-

to take Sporting's two year offer of professional football or lead the young Socceroos in the World Youth Championship in the Soviet Union.

"Unfortunately, it had to be one or the other," he said.

"Spain allows each club two foreign players and obviously those foreign players have to be name stars rather than an 18-year-old unknown from Australia."

"So it had to be Spanish citizenship or I had no chance to take up Sporting's offer."

Whilst sympathising with Bernal's tough decision and wishing him well in his new venture his loss is a tragic blow for the Young Socceroos.



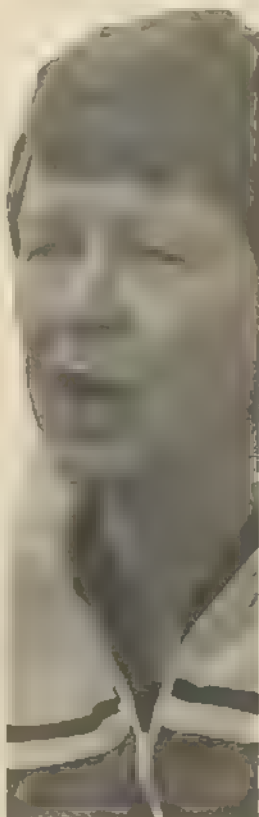
ANDREW BERNAL

season training on July 20 after making "the toughest decision of my life."

That decision, of course, was whether



ANDREW BERNAL (No.4) with back to camera does some neat defensive work during a World Youth Qualifier against Israel.



JIM SHOULDER,
Youth Socceroo Coach

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ILLAWARRA JOTTINGS

RISKY

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COACHING a soccer team is a risky business and the two latest casualties in Illawarra have been Jim Dalkovski (Coniston) and Corrimal's Dave Mollison.

Dalkovski has parted company with Coniston after saving the club from virtual extinction at the start of the season.

He left saying he could not see eye-to-eye with the committee.

"They were very badly organised and at one stage we had a player with a badly gashed leg and nothing to treat it with," Dalkovski said.

He gave the job away officially five minutes into the match against Coledale and Coledale went on to win 4-0.

Dalkovski recruited most of the Coniston first team players and these players are upset at recent developments. Jim Dimitrovski has taken over the coaching job.

George Postgate has been appointed to succeed Mollison at Corrimal with the team facing a very real possibility of relegation.

Mollison said he is disappointed with the way things worked out at Corrimal but he could only do his best with the players available.

Before he resigned the players called a special meeting to discuss the situation at the club.



NEIL WILLIAMS with Welsh Schools Cap

Fairy Meadow have loaned former Welsh schoolboy international Neil Williams to Illawarra second division club South Coast Croatia to the end of the season.

Williams, who won the Rothman's Medal during his term with Avala, hasn't been playing with Fairy Meadow this year.

He was a key man in their promotion to State league last season and it seems something of a waste of talent to see him playing in such a lowly competition.

It will be interesting to see what 1986 holds for this talented midfielder.

"3 'Gong sides in State League!"

Three teams in the Skypak State league in 1986 — that is the intriguing possibility facing soccer fans in Wollongong.

It could happen if Fairy Meadow stay in the league, Wollongong City are relegated from the National League and Wollongong Macedonia gain promotion.

Already the subject is the main topic of conversation in the steel city and most opinions are in favour.

Many feel having three teams in the one league can be the answer to soccer's slide from popularity in the city.

They reason having regular local derbies and visits from the stronger State league sides will bring back the crowds.

The same people are adamant National League games just don't pull the fans the way they did when the Wolves went into the competition in 1981.

They want to see a return to the set-up when Balgownie, Woonona and Corrimal made soccer the most popular sport in the 50's.

In that era these three clubs created rivalries and what is more important attracted big crowds.

Wollongong Macedonia are potentially one of the biggest crowd-pullers in NSW soccer and have big plans for the future.

They are ready to work on a big soccer complex and licensed club at Berkeley, near Wollongong and are capable of doing very well in the State competition.

One thing which could prevent the three teams playing in the same league is the possibility of an amalgamation between the Wolves and Fairy Meadow.

With Fairy Meadow leading the State league and the Wolves facing relegation from the NSL, there already have been behind-the-scenes talks on a "marriage."

No-one is saying anything officially, but this could be the only way Wollongong City could keep their NSL identity.

If Fairy Meadow win the State league they will be invited to join the NSL but simply don't have the financial backing at this stage.

BY PHIL MURPHY

Wolves' Chairman Laurie Kelly told ASW he won't rule out the possibility of amalgamation.

"I feel we must do anything which keeps National League soccer in the City," he said. "Too much hard work has been done to get us established."

Kelly said he still feels the current side can avoid the big drop but he will be having informal talks with Fairy Meadow officials towards the end of the season.

"They are having a very successful season and if they have a chance of getting into the NSL they may be interested in a merger," Kelly said.

Fairy Meadow secretary Walter Chickman said it is too early to talk about what will happen next season.

He said his club's immediate aim is to finish on top of the league and they will then worry about what will happen in 1986.

"Having three teams in the State league could be beneficial for soccer here but a lot can happen between now and the end of the season," he said.

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Representative utility player Glen Shephard is the centre of a controversy after trying to get a transfer from Bellambi.

Bellambi blocked his clearance to play with Fernhill after claiming he caused trouble within their club.

They rejected an appeal by Shephard and it seems he will now have to sit out the season on the sideline.

Shephard says he is bitterly disappointed at the club's attitude after he has given them long service in premier league.

Fernhill could be the big losers as they were banking on signing Shephard in a bid to boost their premiership hopes.

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With Wollongong Macedonia having their sights set firmly on promotion to State league, striker Barney King hopes to achieve his ambition of scoring a goal a game.

After 11 games he was right on target with 11 goals and coach John Bingham says King's success has been a big factor in the side firing so well.

"It isn't easy to average a goal a game in this kind of competition and Barney is working hard at training this season," Bingham said.

"He gets goals himself and his ability to win the ball in tight situations helps other players find the back of the net."

KEEGAN SAYS 'NO'

KEVIN KEEGAN has refused a lucrative offer to make a comeback to serious football.



Harry Swales, Keegan's agent, ended all speculation about the player returning when he said "There is no way Kevin will become involved in the day-to-day business of playing football - or managing a club."

"He has no regrets about retiring, no withdrawal symptoms."

"He made up his mind about retirement two years ago and he'll stick by that decision."

"The game has changed and, at 34, why should Kevin return to be kicked by younger and faster players?"

But K.K. will continue to play as a hobby, and a very rewarding hobby.

He goes to New York next month to play for Cosmos, a move which some regard as a desperate final attempt by Cosmos to put life into US soccer.

LOOK OUT FOR THE 'BIG GAMES'

BY FRANK COLETTA

As the season draws to a dynamic crescendo teams, coaches and players alike are wary that the 'big matches' are just around the corner.

Sides such as Sydney Croatia, Sydney City and Marconi will be most prominent with others such as Sydney Olympic and Blacktown being flat out in the chase to make the final five.

The giant-killing efforts will come thick and fast with the 'strugglers' attempting to pick up those vital points just in hope of avoiding relegation.

There will be no Davie Provan's or Eddie Krncevic's to turn on that superlative one-off effort to win the match.

But the action will be of the highest sort with the Odzakov's, Lowe's, Patikas's and Kosmina's striving to get their outfits the most possible benefit out of the remaining games... so fans all over Oz, be on the look out for 'The Big Matches'.



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PRIVATE SCHOOLS INVADE SOCCER

THE almost general acceptance of soccer as a winter sport in NSW GPS and Associated Schools has been a feature of recent seasons.

Over the years the code has been gradually winning greater attention.

Now the Scots College is the only GPS School that does not recognise the game.

Six associated schools and non-aligned St Patricks, St Andrews and St Pius X are all well into soccer.

The stage has been reached when St Aloysius is setting up a tour of Britain and Newington College is also seeing what they can do.

The St Aloysius touring party is:

Peter Baumgart, Stefan Boiffa, Tim Christie, Nicholas Colwell, Paul Crelin, Joe Falcomata, Chris

Weber, Cyrus Katrack, Andrew Lim, Nick Pinter, Andrew Schmidt, Mark Scott, Adam Spence, Robert Woods, Siegfried Danbock, Geoff Walker, Carl Woods. The coach, Neil Mushan; trainer, Rod Loneragan; and manager, Mick Gordon, will accompany the players.

Back in 1972 Knox Grammar School became one of the first Independent Schools to embrace the code.

Mr Grant Williams, now at Shore, was one of the leaders to develop the game at The Kings.

It was The Kings, incidentally, who played The Wander-

ers on August 14 1880 on the Parramatta Common, now known as Parramatta Park.

This was the first recorded soccer match in Australia and The Kings went down 0-5.

Here in 1985 Shore and Joeys have come into the soccer fold.

Typical of many of today's players is Knox skipper David Kennedy.

A fast and exciting striker, David was selected as the outstanding player in the NSW Youth League final by present National coach Frank Arok back in 1982.

He has represented NSW in National titles in Brisbane, Darwin and Adelaide.

The records of the Ku-ring-gai District show that he scored a mammoth 121 goals in one season.

Master in charge of soccer at Knox is Mr Norrie Cannon, who has been a regular amateur player for 15 years in Sydney.

Aiding him is none other Blacktown City sweeper and Youth and Australian international Rob Wheatley.

At Barker Mr Craig Harris is the experienced first XI coach.

Soccer's next job is to create a line of promotion for players from the schools so that they can achieve bigger things.

Any ideas?



Action aplenty as St Patricks and St John Bosco clash in this Sutherland Shire Association Youth match.

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RAAF'S FIRST INTERNATIONAL

A RAAF soccer side played its first international against a touring New Zealand Universities team at the University of New South Wales Sports Complex.

PLAYERS and officials came as far afield as Townsville in the north, Melbourne in the south and Adelaide to the west.

The New Zealand side were touring Australia after taking part in the Australian Universities Carnival in Canberra. Undefeated, the Kiwis had not conceded a goal before RAAF Captain Greg Edmunds scored in the 31st minute.

The match began with early attacks at both ends. At the 9th minute, RAAF's Rick Pistor broke away on the left and with only the NZ keeper to beat, shot for goal only to see the ball deflected around the post by the goalkeeper.

A bad backpass intercepted in the 22nd minute allowed the NZ left wing to score past RAAF keeper Ian Greig.

Nine minutes later RAAF captain Greg Edmunds equalised from a corner with a deflection shot. The NZ's pressed hard for the last five minutes of the first

half and were rewarded with a goal right on the whistle.

Second half honours were even for the first twenty minutes. Coach Bobby Loftus put on RAAF's reserve keeper Brian Redman whose first touch of the ball was a full length diving save.

Two minutes later he was again called on to save a certain goal in the top right hand corner.

In the 70th minute, RAAF's Mick Sutherland passed to Steve Knight who broke through the New Zealand defence and shot only to see the ball hit the keepers foot.

New Zealand increased their lead at the 80 minute mark when the left winger cut back to the centre striker, who beat two defenders before slotting the ball past the diving Brian Redman.

The RAAF's last effort was in the 89th minute when the Kiwi, keeper lost the ball and it was scrambled over the line for a corner which was cleared as the full time whistle went. Final result was NZ Universities 3 — RAAF 1.

At a function held at the University of NSW following the match, the NZ manager Bevan Clement complimented the RAAF squad by saying it was the hardest match they had played in Australia.

They hoped it would be a forerunner to regular matches in the future.

The RAAF's effort was commendable considering they arrived from all over the country the night before the game and only had an hours practise before taking the field.



RAAF's Edmunds (207), Smitherman and Campbell are grounded whilst NZ Universities' 109 is airborne for a header towards the goal.

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COACHING STAFF TO EXPAND

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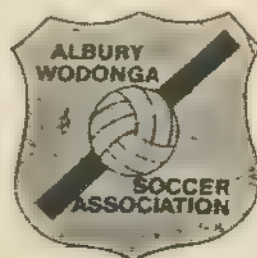
Negotiations are proceeding in a promising fashion for sponsorship funds to enable the projects to be brought to fruition.

Country youngsters have been at a marked disadvantage to their city cousins in

the past. It looks as if the time for catch up has arrived.

NSW lagged behind other states with far lesser numbers to service for many years.

However the appointment of Alan Vest as NSW Director of coaching brought a new professionalism to affairs.



YOUTH LEAGUE

MET WEST CHS CHAMPS

METROPOLITAN West took out the NSW CHS Inter-Regional Championship with a 2-0 win over South Coast in last Thursday's final.

The series, played at Cromer Park with North Sydney Region as hosts, produced some extremely high quality football.

Metropolitan West winger Paul Jackson had a hand in both goals scored against South Coast.

One minute into the second half he went wide left and Mark Moffatt crashed in a first time shot from his cross.

Jackson scored himself when he ran on to a through ball with only five minutes remaining. Midfielder Paul Quarmby and goalkeeper Antoine Avelino were two more players to shine for the winners. Both won places in the NSW CHS squad which will tour New Zealand and then play in the National Schools Championships in Canberra.

Third place went to the young Hunter team with a 2-1 win over Metropolitan East.

The semi-final results were South Coast 1, Hunter 0 and Met West 0 goals and four penalties to Met East 0 goals and two penalties.

North Sydney's Brian Ellem (Asquith Boys High) was chosen as player of the tournament. Carnival organiser Greg Palmer, Regional organiser Mrs Vicki Kingsnorth and the other officials had reason to be pleased with the proceedings.

Final placings were: 1 Met West, 2 South Coast, 3 Hunter, 4 Met East, 5 North Sydney, 6 Liverpool, 7 North Coast, 8 North West, 9 Western, 10 Riverina.

The NSW CHS selections are: Antoine Avelino, Russell Gendle, Paul Quarmby (Met West), Con Katsimardos, Scott Watson, Michail Grbeviski, Scott Ollenshaw (Met East), John Brown, Richard van der Veerdonk (South Coast), Scott Grant, Enrique Monsalve, Jason van Blerk (Liverpool), Brian Ellem, Alfredo Carmona (North Sydney).

Reserve: Jason Whant (Met West), Wayne Lowe, Goran Trajceviski (South Coast), Derek Caisby (North Sydney) and Geoff Stanmore (Western).

SUTHERLAND'S AMBITIONS

SUTHERLAND is looking for semi-final places in U14 and U15 following good results against Granville on Saturday.

Two goals in the last 10 minutes gave the U14s a 2-1 win, with central midfielder Todd Robinson and left-back Mike Anderson having tremendous games.

The U15 team was untroubled win 9-0, Gavin Dunn scored a hat trick and Cameron Timewell was in fine fettle at full-back.

Andrew Long stole the show for U16 at central midfield after coming up from the U15 grade.

Sutherland U13 went down 0-1. Coaching director Bruce Tilt spoke well of back four player Adrian Blackburn and right winger Paul Badalato.

YOUTH LEAGUE

GROUP A

	U13	U14	U15	U16
Sutherland v Granville	0-1	2-1	9-0	1-2
St George v Blacktown C	2-0	4-1	1-2	6-0
Olympic v C'bury-Marr	3-1	1-1	3-0	0-3
APIA v Granville	0-0	3-1	7-0	4-1
Blacktown City v Marconi	1-1	1-2	1-3	0-3

GROUP B

	U13	U14	U15	U16
Melita v Manly	0-2	7-0	3-0	0-1
Croatia v Kur-ring-gai	2-2	0-1	2-4	2-2
Baulkham Hills v Nth B'stown	2-1	1-0	0-2	0-7
Central Coast v Baulkham Hills	2-3	0-2	2-3	6-0
Nth B'stown v Southern Dists	0-1	4-0	1-1	0-0
Croatia v Gladesville	0-2	2-1	0-1	2-2
Ku-ring-gai v Manly	3-1	0-1	0-4	1-1

GROUP C

	U13	U14	U15	U16
Rockdale v Campbell'n	3-2	4-0	1-5	1-0
C'bury v Sydney City	0-0	1-3	0-2	1-1
Yugal v Blacktown	0-13	4-1	0-8	2-0
Rockdale v Sydney City	1-3	3-2	1-7	1-1
Canterbury v Bathurst '75	0-2	2-4	5-0	0-0

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

	U11	U12
Illawarra v Granville		1-2
Blacktown v Ku-ring-gai		1-0
Gladesville v Canterbury	2-2	1-2
Central Coast v Bankstown	1-4	1-0
St George v Southern Dists	0-0	1-2
Sutherland v Nepean	3-2	



The group is: Back 1 to r: John Johnson (manager), Ron Jackson (assistant coach) and David Lee (coach). Middle row: J. Crawley, G. Erickson, J. Cooper, P. Maybury, M. Lenz, C. Elune, J. Bowles. Front row: B. Wiles, K. Irving, R. Stanton, A. Bool, G. Johnson (capt), B. Maloney, M. Crosetta, T. Barbaro, G. Garrett.

YOUNG DEMONS

HERE is the Blacktown City team that went through to win this year's Mini Ampol Cup.

It was a first class performance in which the Young Demons had to defeat teams of the calibre of Sydney City, Sydney Olympic, St George and Marconi.

David Lee and Ron Jackson took over a

group of average to good young players and turned them into a group in which there are players of real potential.

In the scoreless final Blacktown City twice hit the post and then it came to the grand fi-

nal, which was played on Marconi's home ground.

After 20 minutes extra time the teams could not be separated. They went to 3-3 on penalties before Blacktown won 5-4.



Boys from junior teams from Kirrawee and Heathcote concentrating on the ball.

EDDIE'S WISH

BRILLIANT Australian striker-midfielder Eddie Krncevic has a deeply-felt ambition to help local kids in soccer.

Krncevic, the ex-Socceroo who shone in Melbourne and then with Marconi, has been wowing the fans in Yugoslavia, West Germany and now in Belgium.

His present club Cercle Bruges will be in the European Cup Winners Cup in the next European season.

He received a big offer to stay on at the end of this season. His transfer fee is \$500,000.

Sydney Croatia had hoped to snare him back for up to \$45,000. His end of season performances meant that Croatia's dream of securing him was shattered.

Eddie told us: "I was certainly returning home this year but when I received such a big offer I certainly couldn't refuse it."

"As a young lad in Melbourne I was lucky

to come under Ron Smith, who was then the Victorian Director of Coaching.

"Ron taught me a number of things that other coaches still don't cover with the kids today."

"One particular point was how to bend a ball in flight. Good players must be able to do it, but how many coaches can pass that skill on."

"I am going to get my coaching qualifications. When I do return I will have a lot to show the boys here."

Eddie said however that Australian youngster have a lot going for them.

He has no doubt that Australian boys are on average stronger than most in Europe.

It is a great foundation to build upon.

Later on many

young Australians will come under the influence of Eddie Krncevic. Who knows — maybe Craig Johnston of Liverpool as well.

SYD RUSSELL FINDS IT OUT

SYD RUSSELL took over as honorary secretary of Manly-Warringah Soccer Association this year and soon found out what the job was all about.

Syd had been secretary of Pittwater RSL Soccer Club for three years.

Suddenly, instead of one club with 36 teams and over 400 players, he was looking after 26 clubs with 521 teams and well over 6000 players.

Without the backing of his committee he wonders how he would have got on. But that is what enthusiastic committees are there for, Syd.

There has been a loss in players over various grades in

Manly-Warringah.

Teams playing shot tends to weaken competitions and this requires rectification.

Clubs will have to canvass the schools more actively or be forced to provide for dwindling numbers.

Manly-Warringah has a proud record. It is to be hoped that is clubs will look and identify new opportunities to rebuild its playing strength so that as many as possible can enjoy this highly enjoyable game.

ACT & COUNTRY IN BIG CLASH

BY FRANK FOLEY

LAVINGTON Soccer Club's home ground Glen Park will stage the NSW Country-ACT U13/U16 matches on July 14.

Club president Brian McBurnie and NSW Amateurs' Riverina Branch president Bob Maundrell have been responsible for putting the package together.

The Country U13/15s began operating at Easter 1984 and the U16 group has been brought in this year.

The Albury-Wodonga Soccer Association, of which Lavington is a member club, came into being in 1973.

It is certainly pleased to have these

interstate clashes in its area.

The country boys have developed a passion for victory although they know they face superb opposition. Results on the Northern NSW — Queensland tour were creditable.

The ACT Soccer Academy came into the picture and took over the place vacated by the Victorians so NSW Country is very grateful because the game will foster goodwill and high standard Soccer.

DUBBO'S BIG PUSH WITH REFEREES

HANDLING many dozens of junior teams was a problem for the Dubbo and District Soccer Association.

Three qualified referees got their heads together to see what could be done to improve matters.

They collected a group of cadet referees and recently 22 youngsters received their referees' shirts.

In all Dubbo now has over 30 referees for mini-soccer and that is a tremendous boost for the code.

The mini-soccer referees have been sponsored by Gary Pierpoint of MLC Insurance.

Publicity officer Mrs E. Hunt says that the Association has good reason to be grateful for the referees' sub-committee who first began a series of lectures to get things moving.

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"SURPRISES GALORE!"

THE Skypak State League is certainly throwing up some surprises at the halfway stage with the first two places filled by unfancied clubs Fairy Meadow and Kur-ring-gai.

Neither was given much chance of winning the league at the start of the season - primarily because their players and resources, as compared with the more fancied Melita Eagles, Canterbury and Rockdale, didn't give them much chance.

It's early days yet and I'm sure the big guns will still be pushing at the end of the season. But it has to be a big boost to see what can be done with limited resources.

Much credit must go

to the coaches Denis Ford at Kur-ring-gai and John Fleming at Fairy Meadow. Denis has had a varied career in coaching since coming to Australia, being director of coaching in Queensland and Brisbane City coach in the NSL and last year youth coach at Blacktown.

He started his stint at Kur-ring-gai at the start of the year and despite losing some established players, has worked hard to

mould his players into a fine unit.

I watched their top of the table clash with Avala and they fully deserved their 2-1 win with two great headed goals to take them to the top.

Well done, Denis; well done Kur-ring-gai.

The other surprise packet from the South Coast is Fairy Meadow.

Again it's John Fleming's first season with the club after playing NSL for Wollongong City.

John had a good career in England with Nottingham Forest and Lincoln City before joining the Wolves and his experience is certainly showing through.

He's assisted both on the field and off by another former Wolves player Glen Fontana. They went to the top with a 2-1 win over luckless Bankstown, so again well done John; well done Fairy Meadow.

I still wouldn't write off Mick Jones and Melita, Raul Blanco and Canterbury and with games in hand, Sutherland could still get there, but it's an intriguing league situation and looks sure to keep the interest going until the end of the season.

PARKLEA IN LIGHTS

PARKLEA is fast becoming one of the best complexes in Australia and should be a set-up soccer should be proud of.

The lighting has just been erected and will be switched on in the next couple of weeks.

One pitch will be fully lit for competitive games with two other grounds being adequately lit for training.

Also just completed is the excavating for three more soccer grounds, a full size athletic track and a new dam to ensure the water supply.

The New South Wales Soccer Federation, and in particular Charlie Valentine and Eric Arneil, should be complimented for their foresight and perseverance with the complex.

Not only is soccer benefitting, but the indoor arena is used for basketball, martial arts and various other indoor activities.

With further improvements on the drawing board, the future looks assured not only for Parklea but for soccer in general.

CLASH OF THE TITANS AT CORRIMAL

FAIRY MEADOW.....1
KU-RING-GAI.....0

THE big clash down the south coast was always going to be won by the team that scored the first goal and in the end the one and only went to Fairy Meadow to enable them to down Ku-ring-gai 1-0.

A hotly disputed goal in the 60th minute by Steve Baker was enough to settle the issue.

BY FRANK COLETTA

Bobby Peil received a through ball and beat the Ku-ring-gai offside trap to race down the touchline, push the ball to Glen Fontana who took the ball to the by-line. Fontana cut the ball back into the area where a barrage of players converged and it was Baker who got the vital touch.

All the Ku-ring-gai players appealed for hand ball to the referee and linesman but their complaints were in vain.

Fairy Meadow's game was a strong one, planned cleverly with a determined and strong defence and some incisive passing that opened up Ku-ring-gai although none proved profitable until the Baker effort.

Ku-ring-gai sadly missed the influence of Mark Nile up front, he was out with a bout of the flu.

Their forwards were totally blotted out of the game by a defence led by player-coach John Fleming.

Apart from a couple of speculative efforts from Brian Ellem and a superb save by Warwick Young from Lee Sutherland Kur-ring-gai never looked likely to get a goal.

FAIRY MEADOW: Young, Chitby, Jones, Beringer, Fleming, Morlando, Giraldi, Richardson, Peil, Baker, Fontana.

KU-RING-GAI: Lacey, Karaspyros, Goldaworth, Bertram, Watson, Ellem (Bennett 66), Sutherland, Brockbank, McKegan (Williamson 68), Bass.

**MANLY.....1
BANKSTOWN.....1**

MANLY continued their horror run with

a drab 1-1 draw with unfancied Bankstown at Jensen Park.

Apart from their internal troubles Manly are also not performing at all on the paddock.

After an encouraging start to the season Manly have done a Sutherland and completely collapsed and probably out of final five contention.

Apart from Jimmy Campbell and Ian Barker most of the Manly side have failed miserably to perform and coach Richard Alagich knows only hard times await his team of talented men who are not performing.

**ROCKDALE.....2
URUGUAY.....0**

ROCKDALE seem to be finally finding their feet in this years State League as they showed with a stirring 2-0 jaunt over an entertaining Uruguay outfit.

Rockdale played controlled football yesterday and admittedly with a good deal more enthusiasm than the past few weeks.

Led in inspiring fashion from the back by Billy Pilovski Rockdale asserted their authority early and when they took a grip on the match they never let go and never shirked their duties.

Ross Brown Ilinden's stalwart centre-forward put away a penalty in the 26th minute after a hand ball offence had been committed.

Brown was on hand in the 57th minute to make it 2-0 and in turn sew up the match for his side.

Jimmy Ristevski came back to something resembling his best form also and this is only extra encouragement to his team-mates who understand the benefit an in form Ristevski gives.

But it was Pilovski who turned on the blinder and suitably earned all the 'bouquets' that came out of the match.

For Uruguay it wasn't such a disappointing afternoon with some encouraging form shown by the Uruguayan import Estavillo who displayed his class with some elegant touches, fine distribution and the ability to 'slow down' the tempo of the match.

Although Estavillo turned it on the other import Vitti never got a look in and was finally replaced.

ROCKDALE: Kotzabombos, Blackburn, Beleganos, Pilovski, Forrester, Papas, Michlovski, Slavecki, Brown, Trajanovski, Ristevski.

URUGUAY: Rosano, Jones, Folladosa, Planinic, Kralovic, Estavillo, Oshana (Carrizzo), Hestle, Cuba, Vitti (Meneses).

**POLONIA.....2
SUTHERLAND.....2**

SUTHERLAND have once again displayed their inability to go on with a job well done this year and proof of this was Saturdays 2-2 draw with the ever improving Polonia team.

Sutherland's early season form suggested they may be one of the forces to be reckoned with in '85 but all of a sudden they have fallen in an enormous hole and can't seem to find the escape.

Brian Gray put the Sharks 1-0 up early in the first half but then a case of severe relaxing quickly put John Lavin's men 2-1 in arrears.

The goals came in quick succession and both from pathetic lapses in defence, the first was very 'soft' but the second should have never have been on through a 40 metre back pass.

With Polonia knocking the ball around with disdain almost Sutherland were forced to 'pull out all stops' in a bid to level up.

Finally in popped Vic Dal Fornio to grab the equaliser and from then on the final 10 minutes were all Sutherland but it was too little too late and much credit must go to Polonia for denying them.

**WARRINGAH.....0
MELITA.....4**

PARRAMATTA MELITA were without doubt a class above Warringah yesterday and the 4-0 scoreline is testimony to this.

The match was not one for the purists but Melita thoroughly deserved their win and were never

really troubled. Mick Jones earned the wrath of the referee Terry Seacy often and in the end was sent off the bench by him!

More action at the goalkeepers end when Welsh youth international keeper Richard Mullen clashed with a Warringah forward and was carried off with a gaping wound in his forehead, he later required 7 stitches in the wound and was kept in hospital for observation overnight.

At the half hour Don Allan scored Melita's first following a Jay O'Rourke corner that was cracked against the bar by Warren Dalton and down to Allan to head in.

Three minutes later Derek Lang was brought down in the area and Kenny Wilson duly converted the penalty.

Five minutes from time Allan was on hand again to get his second and that was followed three minutes later by a Lenny Vial drive that made it 4-0.

MELITA: Mullen (Popovac), McPherson, O'Rourke, Wilson, McCoy, McAusland, Farrugia (Callanan 79), Lasing, Vial, Allan, Dalton.

WARRINGAH: B. Dean, Hanley, Parlett, Watt, Friend, Griffin, Collings, Jones, A. Dean, Pepper (Van Helidon), Hughes.

**AVALA.....0
CANTERBURY-MARRICKVILLE.....2**

CANTERBURY continued their climb up the State League table yesterday when they downed a poorly out of form Avala 2-0.

Goals by Marcos Silva in the 10th and Nello Borges in the 33rd minute set the scene for the win.

It was simply not Avala's day nor Willie Murray's who had been signed just last week from Manly.

Murray capped his debut for Avala with a missed penalty just to add insult to injury, something of which is becoming fairly common out Avala way.

Simply Canterbury's fine team work won the match for them, and some superb goalkeeping by Chris Hummel.

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ROCKDALE ILINDEN v FAIRY MEADOW HURSTVILLE OVAL
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SATURDAY JULY 6:

Gladesville Hby v Campbelltown City
Pioneer Park
Dee Why v Bathurst '75
Cromer Park
Penrith United v Wollongong Mac
Cook Park
(2nd & 3rd Grades only 11.30am & 1.10pm)

SUNDAY JULY 7:

Penrith United v Queens Park
Cook Park
SSC Yugal v Cant & Dist
Black Oval
North Bankstown v Blacktown United
Potts Park
Wollongong Macedonia v Artamon
Berkley S/G

THIRD DIVISION

SATURDAY JULY 6:

Bondi Marine v Rooty Hill
Waverley Oval
Kingsford v Baulkham Hills
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SUNDAY JULY 7:

Moorebank L v King Tomislav
Hammondville Oval
Granville Dist v Campbelltown Dist
Garside Park
North Ryde RSL v Un of NSW
North Ryde Oval
Mt Druitt Town v Port Hacking
Popondetta Park

SATURDAY JULY 13:

BANKSTOWN NATIONAL v KU-RING-GAI JENSEN PARK

SUNDAY JULY 14:

FAIRY MEADOW v CANTERBURY M'VILLE MEMORIAL PARK (Corrimal)
MANLY WARRINGAH v ROCKDALE ILINDEN CROMER PARK
POLONIA v WARRINGAH NARRABEEN CHOPIN PARK
URUGUAY AUBURN v SUTHERLAND SHIRE MONA PARK
AVALA v MELITA EAGLES KNIGHT PARK No 4

AUSTRALIAN SQUAD ANNOUNCED

FRED ROBINS, Australia's coach, has officially announced his national squad. Robins has relied heavily on experienced players with NSW and Queensland supplying the bulk of players.

The National squad will have two days together in Melbourne on September 7th and 8th after the completion of the 1985 National Championships.

The squad is: From Northern NSW: Renaye Iserief, Helen Watts, Lisa Dunne.

NSW: Julie Dolan, Mandi Langlaar, Margaret Petrov, Cindy Heydon, Kristen Theile, Kim Lembryk, Leigh Wardell, Rose Van Bruinessen.

SOUTH QUEENSLAND: Susan Monteath, Joanne Millman, Kim Dunlop.

VICTORIA: Theresa Jones, Jane Oakley, Tracey Singleton.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA: Judy Pettit, Sharon Mateljan.

Vicki Salmons, Australia's World Cup goalkeeper, was not considered for selection as she is still on the injured list, recovering from a serious knee injury which required surgery to repair the cruciate and medial ligaments.

Another player not

considered, is the national team's left-back, Kerry Millman, who has withdrawn from national team duties for a year.

At present, the National team's next



RENAYE ISERIEF ...

major commitment, is the Oceania Cup, to be staged in New Zealand from March 29th to April 12th 1986.

Mr Robins said: "Many of our leading national players had the advantage of playing together in the Xian City tournament in China last October and in the World Women's Invitational Football Tournament

in Taiwan last December.

"The Oceania Cup, will be a big hurdle for us to overcome just the same.

"New Zealand provide very stiff competition and finished just ahead of us in Taiwan.

"Taiwan itself, under coach, Mr Cheng Tsu-Pin, can take on any country in the world and feel confident they can secure a win, or a draw at the least.

"I would think it is highly likely that Taiwan will enter



THERESA JONES

Oceania because they are members of Oceania for World Cup and World Youth Cup purposes," ended Robins.



CINDY HEYDON

But this time, the Australian national squad will benefit from being at the Australian Institute of Sport from March 22nd to the 27th, which will give a great lead up to the Oceania Cup Tournament.

AUSSIE SKIPPER INJURED

JULIE DOLAN, Australia's World Cup skipper, was injured when playing for Killarney Heights against Forest Rangers at Gannons Park, Peakhurst, Sydney.

Julie on the ball, fell awkwardly in a rough tackle and fractured her collarbone.

Although advised to rest for three weeks, Julie said she felt ok and couldn't be stopped playing yesterday against Seven Hills.

The national captain is enjoying her new employment, being heavily involved with a Film Studies group at Sydney Girls High School.

INVITATION BY ITALY

Recently, the AWSA sent an invitation to the Italian Womens Football Association, asking their National team to tour Australia in September or October.

out in the semis.

The crack Italian team greatly impressed when they participated last October in the Xian City Tournament in China.

But despite their magnificent performance there, they failed to make the Final when the United States knocked them

The only answer received to the AWSA's telex, was an invitation to Australia to compete in an International Womens Tournament to be staged in Venice.

The event however clashes with the dates of the Australian National Championships and so the offer

will have to be declined.



AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

THIS year's National Championships will be staged at Wembley Park, Box Hill in Melbourne.

The Championships kick-off from August 27 to September 6th.

Chief organiser this time, will be Victoria's Betty Hoar.

Betty is well known to the national players as she was team-manageress in the inaugural Oceania Cup staged in Noumea in 1983.

The Nationals al-

ways present a golden opportunity to new talent to impress the national coach and thus gain selection for Australia.

The Championships always provides pressure on many of the established stars for final places in the national squad for the Oceania Cup tournament.

Last year, Queensland, led by captain, Susan Monteath and coached by Fred Robins, took out the Championship in spectacular style in Canberra.

This year, NSW will launch a serious assault on the Queenslanders-pictured below-to arrest the title from the "Maroons".



SOUTH QUEENSLAND 1984 STATE TEAM

BACK ROW (L to R): Fred Robins (coach), M.Sawyers, S.McMahon, K.O'Sullivan, S.Bubeck, J.Millman, K.Millman, Marise Stephens (manageress).
MIDDLE ROW: T.Smith, K.Dunlop, L.Hedley, K.Stacey, V.Clayton.
FRONT ROW: J.Cumming, S.Monteath (captain), L.Geddes, L.Spencer.
ABSENT: J.Dolan, L.Thorn.

ANGELA MISSES OUT

STUDY at High School has robbed talented 14 year old, Angela Iannotta of the chance to represent NSW at Under 17 level.

Had it not been for that, Angela could easily have been playing for the State in the

Australian Championships from July the 9th to 14th.

Angela plays on the



ANGELA IANNOTTA

right wing for Albury-Woodonga Women's Soccer Association club, Melrose Park Rangers.

She runs like the proverbial Bondi tram.

Her excellent play caught the eye of NSW Under 17s coach, David Wadsworth at the NSW Championships held recently in Albury.

Angela scored several goals for Albury-Woodonga in the championships.

Her consistency together with her accurate shooting, are her outstanding qualities on the playing pitch.

— FRANK FINLAY

NORTHERN NSW UNDER 15s

THREE State squads will proudly represent Northern NSW at the National Titles this year. Wearing the "Black and White" the squads are the Under 15s and Under 17s who travel to Tasmania, and the All Age seniors who go to Melbourne.

The Under 15s, led by skipper, Katrina Barsby, is virtually a new team with only seven players from last year's squad.

Katrina, highly rated as a future International, is from the Central Coast whilst other members of the squad are:

Julie Gain, vice-captain, Kathy Whaley, goalkeeper, Janita White, Donna Schofield, Jane Burgess, Debbie Hat-

field, Toni Bashford, Lisa Vandorp, Kelly Bartlett, Diane Fathers, Leisa Marriott.

The "Black and Whites" Under 15s will be coached by Mr Garry Chamberlain, who will have as his manageress, Ms Rita Lind.

If this young team doesn't crack the winning trophy in Tasmania, it will not be for lack of enthusiasm and energy.



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FRANZ STILL HAPPY

WEST GERMANY'S surprise 3-0 defeat at the hands of a sub-strength England side in Mexico City should not be taken as a true guide to the World Cup.

The Germans, uncharacteristically shunning proper preparations for the match, arrived in Mexico City only 48 hours before kick-off, while the Englishmen were there a fortnight earlier to acclimatise.

Also, there were several important players left out of Germany's line-up.

Among the notable absentees were Karl Heinz Rummenigge, Briegel, Voller, Alofs and Forster.



HAPPY days for Karl Heinz Rummenigge ... he didn't play for West Germany against England in Mexico.



VENABLES SAYS 'NO'

TERRY VENABLES has refused to sign a new four-year contract as manager of the enormously successful Barcelona.

It is no secret that Venables was unhappy about Barcelona signing Vicente Amerilla, a Paraguayan. The deal was done while Venables was having a few days holiday in London.

Venables' refusal to sign also rekindled talk that he wants to be available to take over as England manager if, and when, Bobby Robson steps down.

Barcelona originally signed "El-Tel" on a two-year contract, taking him up to the end of the 1985-86 season, and Venables says he will fulfil that agreement.



BARCELONA AVERAGE CROWD — 83,785

WHEN it comes to big attendances at matches, Barcelona must surely be the greatest club in the world.

Their average home crowd at the magnificent Nou Camp Stadium last season was 83,785 — and this included their first match against Zaragoza when they fielded a youth team and only 20,000 spectators were present.

Twice during the season, the magic

100,000 mark was exceeded (for matches against Valencia and Real Madrid).

Biggest crowd saw Barcelona edge Real Madrid, the old enemy, 3-2. There were 125,000 people at Nou Camp that day.

Although these attendances are the envy of every club in

the world, they are, believe it or not, DOWN on some previous years.

In 1981-82, Barcelona's average home attendance was a huge 102,039.

Present capacity at Nou Camp is "about" 120,000, which seems big enough for any football club.

The first was the great Jimmy Hogan who fashioned the Austrian "wonder team" in the 1930's.

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team boss Austria has appointed since 1945.

Although a former P.E. professor at Yugoslavia's Ljubljana University, Elsener is no stranger to the game in Austria, having guided Wacker Innsbruck.

FOREIGN MANAGER

WHEN Yugoslavian Branko Elsener was appointed manager of Austria's national team, he was only the second foreigner to take charge.

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USA STILL HAS HIGH HOPES

PHIL WOOSNAM, the Welshman who used to be top man in the North American Soccer League administration, is still convinced there is a big future for soccer in the USA.

Although the NASL collapsed in a heap this year and has just about gone out of existence, Woosnam regards this only as a temporary setback.

Talking to WORLD SOCCER magazine, Woosnam said: "Soccer has been a great success in this coun-

try. The only failing was at top professional level in the past few years — and that was an economic failure.

"The growth of the sport has been tremendous and, within the next two or three years, you'll find soccer WILL be the

number one sport at youth level.

"It takes about 10 years for this to have an effect at senior level, but ultimately the USA will be a major power in soccer."

Woosnam blames the NSL flop on too much money being

paid to foreign players and big transfer fees being spent to lure them to America.

He also points out that soccer is not the only game suffering and even baseball lost \$1,000,000 last year because of high salaries to players.

RUMANIA'S MARADONA

WE'VE often heard about this player or that player being the "new Pele" which is silly really because there can only be one Pele.

Now, would you believe, a 20-year-old forward playing in Bucharest has been called "the Rumanian Maradona."

He is Gheorghe Hagi and, despite his age, he has already played 18 times for Rumania's national team — plus 54 appearances in the national youth side.

Hagi scored a goal against Northern Ireland in Belfast in the World Cup eliminations.

And who is his favourite footballer? Maradona ... of course!

PAT IS OFF LIMITS

BELGIUM thought they'd discovered a new international star — thanks to a visit to the UK by a Belgian television commentator.

The TV man watched Everton's full-back Pat Van den Hauwe in action and made enquiries about the player's background.

He discovered Pat had an English mother and a Belgian father and he passed on this information to Belgium's national team coach Guy Thys in Brussels.

Thys then took a trip to England to watch Van den Hauwe in action for Everton against Manchester United — and was most impressed.

Trouble is — the player is a WELSH international.

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WHEN goalkeeper Rodolfo Rodriguez played for Uruguay against Bolivia, he became his country's most-capped player.

ENGLAND FOR MONTERREY

ALTHOUGH the venues allocated to various groups and teams in next year's World Cup are supposed to be secret, England had a strong tip that they will be playing in the Monterrey group.

This has upset English officials, who reckon Monterrey is the worst possible place to be based.

Not that they have anything against the town itself — it's simply that Monterrey gets VERY hot and it is also the nearest area to sea level in Mexico.

All other places allocated World Cup games are from 5,000 to 8,000 ft above sea level, while Monterrey is only 1,500 ft high.

While this would make playing conditions there easier, Monterrey would be most unsuitable for teams trying to become acclimatised to higher altitudes.

Mexico City is 7,500 ft high and Toluca is even higher. Clearly the teams living and playing in such places would be able to handle altitude better than those living in Monterrey.

FOREIGN CLUBS BANNED IN UK

WITH English clubs banned from playing abroad, some have been trying to organise money-spinning international tournaments in the UK.

Manchester United and Spurs had talks about organising such a tournament which would have featured the two of them and possibly Liverpool and Everton — plus crowd-pulling teams from Italy, Germany and Spain.

Now the English Football Association has stepped in to tell the clubs the ban on international club matches applies in England as well as abroad.

That news has completely shattered Norwich City, who arranged, a long time ago, for European champions Juventus of Italy to play a friendly match against them at Norwich on August 13.

"Why should we have to suffer for something which happened in Brussels and did not concern Norwich in any way?" asked a Norwich official.

HE MISSED BRUSSELS, BRADFORD

WELSHMAN John Charles was the first British player to make an impact on football in Italy — and what an impact.

When Charles was transferred from Leeds United to Juventus in 1957, he became the darling of the Turin crowds who affectionately called him "the gentle giant."

Charles has now revealed that his former Juventus team-mate, Giampiero Boniperti, now president of the club, invited him and his wife to Brussels for the ill-fated European Cup Final.

"We were unable to accept the kind invitation because we had difficulty getting a flight to Brussels and we didn't fancy going by boat," said Charles.

By an odd coincidence, he missed another football disaster — the burning of Bradford City grandstand.

Charles had arranged to attend the match at Valley Parade where the disaster happened but a friend asked him to go to Huddersfield instead so Charles changed his plans.



TONY WOODCOCK is set to sign a new one-year contract with Arsenal, thus ending speculation that he is again bound for Germany.

Woodcock will want to forget last season as quickly as he can.

He was dropped from the Arsenal team after the Cup defeat at York and was injured towards the end of the season. Another blow was missing England's close-season trip to Mexico and the USA.

CHELSEA COPS BLAST

CHELSEA's supporters are reckoned to be just about the worst-behaved in England and consequently, hooliganism is taken as a fact of life at Chelsea's Stamford Bridge ground.

Now it is being suggested by some local residents that Chelsea deliberately refuse to summon sufficient police to their matches.

One person claims: "The police tell the club how many policemen should be on duty at each match but that figure is often cut by half on instructions from Chelsea."

The claim has not been confirmed or denied but it is obvious every football club faces big bills for police presence at their grounds — even though the clubs do not foot the whole bill.

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MIDFIELDER John Gregory is ready to leave QPR and return to his former club, Brighton.

Gregory, an English international — he played in Australia with England's tour squad in 1983 — cost QPR \$600,000 four years ago but the London club will not receive that much for Brighton now.



Chelsea's top scorer Kerry Dixon.

PROMISES, PROMISES...

BIRMINGHAM CITY directors promised team manager Ron Saunders \$500,000 to buy new players for his side, just promoted from second to first division.

Saunders insisted he needed four quality players if Birmingham were to make any impact on the first division — so the money was allocated.

Then the Board had

a change of mind, withdrawing the cash — at least for the time being.

Saunders was furious. "I'm flabbergasted," he said, "and don't know where they

expect me to go from here."

Chairman Keith Coombs says the club is awaiting inquiries into the riots at St Andrews in the club's final promotion game.

How they finished 1984-85

CANON LEAGUE

First Division

Champions: Everton (£50,000 prize)
Runners-up: Liverpool (£25,000 prize)
3rd place: Tottenham (£15,000 prize)
Relegated: Stoke City, Sunderland, Norwich City
Top scorers: Everton (£8,500 prize)

Second Division

Champions: Oxford United (£25,000 prize)
Promoted: Birmingham City (£15,000 prize), Manchester City (£5,000 prize)
Relegated: Wolves, Notts County, Cardiff
Top scorers: Oxford (£6,500 prize)

Third Division

Champions: Bradford City (£15,000 prize)
Promoted: Millwall (£8,000 prize), Hull (£4,000 prize)
Relegated: Cambridge, Preston, Orient, Burnley
Top scorers: Gillingham (£4,500 prize)

Fourth Division

Champions: Chesterfield (£8,000 prize)
Promoted: Blackpool (£4,000 prize), Darlington (£2,000 prize), Bury (£1,000 prize)
To apply for re-election: Halifax, Stockport, Northampton, Torquay
Top scorers: Colchester (£2,500 prize)

Scottish Premier Division

Champions: Aberdeen
Runners-up: Celtic
Relegated: Dumbarton, Morton

Scottish First Division

Champions: Motherwell
Runners-up: Clydebank
Relegated: Meadowbank, St. Johnstone

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. EVERTON	42	28	8	6	89	43	90
2. Liverpool	42	22	11	9	88	35	77
3. Tottenham	42	23	8	11	78	51	77
4. Man Utd	42	22	10	9	77	47	76
5. Southampton	42	18	11	12	56	47	69
6. Chelsea	42	18	12	12	63	48	66
7. Arsenal	42	19	9	14	61	49	66
8. Sheff Wed	42	17	14	11	58	45	65
9. Nottm For	42	19	7	16	56	48	64
10. Aston Villa	42	16	11	16	60	60	58
11. Watford	42	14	12	16	52	72	55
12. WBA	42	16	7	19	58	82	55
13. Luton	42	15	9	18	57	81	54
14. Newcastle	42	13	13	16	55	70	52
15. Leicester	42	15	6	21	65	73	51
16. West Ham	42	13	12	17	51	68	51
17. Ipswich	42	13	11	18	46	57	50
18. Coventry	42	15	5	22	47	84	50
19. QPR	42	13	11	18	53	72	50
20. Norwich	42	13	10	19	46	64	49
21. Sunderland	42	10	10	22	40	62	40
22. Stoke	42	3	8	31	24	91	17

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. OXFORD	42	25	9	8	84	36	84
2. Birmingham	42	25	7	10	59	33	82
3. Man City	42	21	11	10	66	40	74
4. Portsmouth	42	20	14	8	69	50	74
5. Blackburn	42	21	10	11	66	41	73
6. Brighton	42	20	12	10	54	34	72
7. Leeds	42	19	12	11	66	43	69
8. Shrewsbury	42	18	11	13	66	53	65
9. Fulham	42	19	8	15	68	64	65
10. Grimsby	42	18	8	16	72	64	62
11. Barnsley	42	14	16	12	42	42	58
12. Wimbledon	42	16	10	16	71	75	58
13. Huddersfield	42	15	10	17	52	84	55
14. Oldham	42	15	8	19	49	67	53
15. C. Palace	42	12	12	18	46	65	48
16. Carlisle	42	13	8	21	50	67	47
17. Charlton	42	11	12	19	51	63	45
18. Sheff. Utd.	42	10	14	19	54	68	44
19. Middlesbrough	42	10	10	22	41	57	40

20. Notts Co.	42	10	7	25	45	73	37
21. Cardiff	42	8	6	25	47	78	35
22. Wolves	42	8	9	25	37	79	33

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. BRADFORD	46	28	16	8	77	45	94
2. Millwall	46	26	12	8	73	42	90
3. Hull	46	25	12	9	76	49	87
4. Gillingham	46	25	8	13	80	62	83
5. Bristol City	46	24	9	13	74	47	81
6. Bristol Rovers	46	21	12	13	66	48	75
7. Derby	46	19	13	14	65	54	70
8. York	46	20	9	17	70	57	69
9. Reading	46	19	12	15	66	62	68
10. Bournemouth	46	19	11	16	57	46	68
11. Walsell	46	18	13	15	58	52	67
12. Rotherham	46	18	11	17	55	55	65
13. Brentford	46	16	14	16	62	84	62
14. Doncaster	46	17	8	21	72	74	59
15. Plymouth	46	15	14	17	62	65	59
16. Wigan	46	15	14	17	60	84	59
17. Bolton	46	16	6	24	69	75	54
18. Newport	46	13	13	20	55	67	52
19. Lincoln	46	11	18	17	50	51	51
20. Swansea	46	12	11	23	53	80	47
21. Burnley	46	11	13	22	60	73	46
22. Orient	46	11	13	22	51	78	46
23. Preston	46	13	7	26	51	100	46
24. Cambridge	46	4	9	33	37	95	21

FOURTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. CHESTERFIELD	46	26	13	7	64	36	91
2. Blackpool	46	24	14	8	73	39	86
3. Darlington	46	24	13	9	66	49	85
4. Bury	46	24	12	10	70	50	84
5. Hereford	46	22	11	13	65	47	77
6. Tranmere	46	24	3	19	83	66	75
7. Colchester	46	20	14	12	67	65	74
8. Swindon	46	21	9	16	62	58	72
9. Scunthorpe	46	19	14	13	62	60	71
10. Crewe	46	18	12	16	65	69	66
11. Peterborough	46	16	14	16	54	53	62
12. Port Vale	46	14	18	14	61	59	60

13. Aldershot	46	17	8	21	57	63	59
14. Mansfield	46	13	16	15	41	39	57
15. Wrexham	46	16	9	22	67	70	54
16. Chester	46	15	9	22	60	72	54
17. Rochdale	46	13	14	19	53	60	53
18. Exeter	46	13	14	19	57	80	53
19. Hartlepool	46	14	10	22	54	67	52
20. Southend	46	13	11	22	59	83	50
21. Halifax	46	15	6	25	42	60	50
22. Stockport	46	13	8	25	58	79	47
23. Northampton	46	14	5	27	53	74	47
24. Torquay	46	9	14	23	38	63	41

SCOTTISH PREMIER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. ABERDEEN	36	27	5	4	89	26	59
2. Celtic	36	22	8	6	77	30	52
3. Dundee United	36	20	7	9	67	33	47
4. Rangers	36	13	12	11	47	38	38
5. St. Mirren	36	17	4	15	51	56	38
6. Dundee	36	15	7	14	48	50	37
7. Hearts	36	13	5	18	47	64	31
8. Hibs	36	10	7	19	38	61	27
9. Dumbarton	36	6	7	23	29	64	19
10. Morton	36	5	2	29	29	100	12

SCOTTISH FIRST

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. MOTHERWELL	39	21	8	10	62	35	50
2. Clydebank	39	17	14	8	57	37	48
3. Falkirk	39	19	7	13	65	55	45
4. Hamilton	39	16	11	12	48	49	43
5. Airdrie	39	17	8	14	70	58	42
6. Forfar	39	14	13	12	54	49	41
7. Ayr	39	15	9	15	57	52	38
8. Clyde	39	14	11	14	47	49	38
9. Brechin	39	14	9	16	50	57	37
10. East Fife	39	12	12	15	55	56	36
11. Partick	39	13	9	17	50	55	35
12. Kilmarnock	39	12	10	17	42	61	34
13. Meadowbank	39	11	10	18	50	66	32
14. St. Johnstone	39	10	5	24	51	78	28

UK Scene

AT LAST — GLENN IS DISCOVERED!



PETER SHILTON

PETER PLAYS THE WAITING GAME

PETER SHILTON is chasing a record — he wants to be the most-capped goalkeeper in England international history.

Shilton was all set to equal the 73 cap record set up by the great Gordon Banks when England played the USA in Los Angeles, but he was rested to give his understudy, Chris Woods of Norwich City, a game.

Now Shilton has to wait until England's next international to equal the Banks record.

That's in three months time, when the Englishmen tackle Rumania in the World Cup elimination at Wembley.

England boss Bobby Robson said he had to play Woods in Los Angeles because he had promised the youngster a tour match.

"In any case," explained Robson, "it would be fitting for Peter to equal the record in front of a Wembley crowd."

ROBSON FINDS DEPUTIES

ENGLAND's tour of Mexico and the USA settled a doubt in manager Bobby Robson's mind.

Robson wanted capable deputies for his front-runners Trevor Francis and Mark Hateley and he found them in Kerry Dixon and Gary Lineker, both of whom emerged from the trip as genuine World Cup candidates.

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FINANCIALLY-troubled Swansea City have to find \$300,000 in a hurry if they want to stay in business.

Team boss John Bond, whose plans for the 1985-86 season cannot be formulated until the cash situation is remedied, has threatened to resign unless action is taken.



GARY LINEKER

GLENN HODDLE, for several years shamefully neglected by England team managers, has finally made the big breakthrough and proved he is a genuine international star.

Hoddle, the Tottenham midfielder, had to travel all the way to Mexico City to prove his point.

The SUNDAY PEOPLE's Mike Langley, who toured with England in Mexico, says: "Hoddle performs like an astronaut at 7,500 ft. There is no doubt he was born to play in Mexico City. Nobody in the England squad can touch him for technique."

Even team boss Bobby Robson seems to have new faith in the Spurs wizard, although he still distrusts the player's alleged lethargy.

Robson says Hoddle must not drop below the level he reached when England beat West Germany 3-0.

"Talent without application is worthless," says Robson.

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SPURS midfielder maestro... Glenn Hoddle. He is now getting a fair deal from England manager Bobby Robson.

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LAWRIE'S BIG OFFER

LAWRIE McMENEMY has not only been offered a huge four-year contract to take over as Sunderland manager — he has also been guaranteed a seat on the Board of Directors.

It's tempting bait for the man who quit Southampton recently saying he needed a change.

Another club manager who has been elevated in status after being replaced is John Neal of Chelsea.

Neal will join the Chelsea Board and will act as "adviser and general manager."

But the real power at Chelsea has been handed over to John Hollins, who was Neal's right-hand man last season.

Hollins turned down several big offers from European clubs before Chelsea appointed him team manager last week in succession to Neal.



JOHN NEAL

PLAYERS FACE HEAVY FINES

PLAYERS sent off in the Football League next season can expect to be hit very hard in the hip pocket.

Under existing guidelines, clubs normally fine sent-off players 20 per cent of a week's wages for a first offence, 40 per cent for a repeat and 80 per cent for a third sending-off.

Next season, those percentages will be upped dramatically.

The new fines will be 50, 100 and 150 per cent of a player's wage!

It is not obligatory for clubs to impose these fines but most of them have been doing it in the past, even when it has upset their players.

NEAL IN LINE

OXFORD, shocked at the resignation of popular manager Jim Smith — now with QPR — will have no trouble filling the position.

Just promoted to first division and with substantial backing from the Maxwell publishing empire, Oxford can pay big money for a new boss.

Phil Neal from Liverpool and Mick Mills from Southampton have both been tipped to take over.